

# 2003 Valenian

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# In A

## Rush



Junior Joey Catrino pumps iron during weight class. Weightlifting was a popular class with students.



Student Council officers pose for a picture before holding a meeting. Approximately, 100 students gathered every Thursday for a meeting after school.



Senior Marion Marcenac plays during the fall fantasia concert.



The junior class cheers aboard their float as it makes its way through the homecoming parade.

**F**rom the time the first bell rings at 7:35 until the end of tenth hour, student find themselves rushing to get all the necessary work done.



There never seems like there is time to just sit back and enjoy all the surroundings.

In addition to the many classes offered at VHS, students can enjoy an array of other things, such as getting involved with



Cheerleaders ride aboard the fire truck during the homecoming parade.

clubs or attending the many sporting events. Twenty four hours has never seemed so short. Students get involved in the many happenings by something as simple as attending a dance or dressing up for the Homecoming football game. No matter who you are or what you are involved in, at VHS, you will forever be

Sophomore Timmy Surber dives into the competition during a varsity swim meet.



**ALWAYS ON THE GO.**



Viking fans show their support by painting their faces during the Homecoming football game.

## Student Life



Homecoming Week



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Homecoming Game



Homecoming Dance

*Progress: moving forward in space, toward a destination.*

*From freshman homecoming to senior prom, students have an array of activities to keep them occupied. Each new event gives them the chance to interact with new friends and move forward in their life.*

*The daily routine at Valparaiso High School filled lives with a range of milestones that propelled them toward graduation.*

*With each new step, one gained new responsibilities. With the many activities available, boredom was never an option. As one moved toward a destination whether it was a job or graduation, one thing was for certain, students at VHS were in perpetual motion and a work in progress.*



fall play



PowderPuff



Homecoming Court



Powder Puff Game



Junior Miss Competition



Crop Walk



A Mid Summer Night's Dream



# Summer Spots



1. Katie Ziegler, Chelsea Bigott, Jessica Javors, Michelle Sullivan, and Mallarie Mullen get some summer thrills at **Great America**.

2. While catching some rays at Mama's, Kate Tavernier and Charlena Dan relax.

3. Water skiing, swimming and relaxing fill up Erica Boys and Dustin Bow's summer break. **Canada** was the spot for the couple's summer getaway.



4. Kate Kozelka and Meghan Kirkpatrick go grabbing on the islands of **South Carolina**.

5. Keara Orton and Danielle Nunnelly share some sisterly lovin' on their summer vacation.



6. Gathered at the "Moon Tower," seniors Pat Olander, Kara Poncek, Jordan Skaltas, Charlena Dan, Mallary Norman, Liz Neal, Grechin Polite, Steve Stepherson, Scott Stolpe, and VHS grad Tony Underwood pose for a picture.

7. To get away this summer, many students decided to visit **Chicago** to shop and eat in yhe many malls.

Most **Desirable**  
Summer Spots...

1.) **Cancun**

2.) **Hawaii**

3.) **California**

4.) **Jamaica**

# Adv. Marine Biology

The marine biology class gathers outside the floating classroom in Key Largo. The group had fun doing deep, night, and research dives.



The advanced marine biology group spent a week of their summer vacation in beautiful Key Largo.



Between dives Kate Kozelka and Kumari Ratnayake relax. Some dives required up to 5 tanks.



Kate Kozelka, Megan Porter and Tom Clifford enjoy lunch in Key West. Not only did the divers enjoy their dives, but their nightly trips to Dairy Queen as well.



Before their night dive Megan Porter and Tom Clifford wait for the boat to take off. The group enjoyed several night dives and wreck dives of sunken ships over the week.



Megan Porter and Kate Kozelka walk through the Everglades State Park. The group took a boat trip to the site to snorkel and study the shoreline.

# In the Spirit

Senior Stephanie Malak drives *Marty Wilczynski*, Cindy Morse and Christina Jackson in the Heinz Ketchup Jeep.



Seniors Katie Boyle, Katie Abel, and Brittany Allen dance around the first place float as hot dogs on the grill.



Spanish club members pose as cops. Their motto was "Bust the bulldogs."

Homecoming was not just defined by a dance or a big football game. The whole week was filled with excitement and anticipation. The student body showed their spirit by participating in Spirit Week which consisted of dressing up in different themes for each day. The cheerleaders chose the days as tie dye, twin, nerd, college, and the traditional green and white. The junior powderpuff team finished first place in the games. The Valpo Vikes defeated The Crown Point bulldogs in the homecoming game. "It was really cool to see the whole school showing their spirit and being supportive of everyone," said Homecoming court nominee Erica Boys.



The freshmen wave to the spectators on their float.



Junior students pump up the spectators from their "Not All Dogs Go To Heaven" float.

Sophomores show off their dog mobile to the theme of "Beat the Dogs."



The senior powderpuff team poses for a picture on the sideline.



Freshmen and sophomore girls flex their muscles.



# Homecoming Court



Homecoming Queen Michelle Sullivan and homecoming princess Mallarie Mullen pose with their bouquets.



Last year's Queen Angie Gaught crowns Michelle Sullivan.

Senior Travis Clem escorts his date Jamie Piatti down the field past the Vikettes.



Court nominee Allisa Connors is escorted by Christian Tabib.



Before the announcement was made, Mallarie Mullen was escorted by Greg Stooksbury.



Escort Drew Nellesen and Court Nominee Meghan Glaser pose for a picture while awaiting the outcome.



"It was a really big honor to be nominated for court because it's voted on by the senior class," said nominee Erica Boys. "The parade was really fun too."

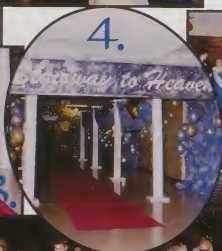
# Stairway to Heaven



1. Seniors Mandy Wilczynski, and Jamie Piatti show some of their dance moves at homecoming.

2. Senior Stephanie Iryzk and brother junior Jeff Iryzk start a train along with some friends.

3. Freshman Josh Overmyer and Aston Kleman escort their dates to the dance.



4. Stairway to Heaven was the theme for Homecoming 2002. The cheerleaders spent many hours preparing for the dance.



5. 2002 Homecoming Court- (left to right) Jeff Samardzija, Meghan Glaser, Dustin Bow, Erica Boys, Mike Dorulla, Queen Michelle Sullivan, Princess Mallarie Mullen, Justin Glaser, Christian Tabib, Allisa Connors. (Not pictured: Travis Clem and Jamie Piatti)

6. Dance attendees continue their party while waiting outside in eager anticipation for the firemen. The fire alarm went off at the dance but thankfully nothing was wrong.

7. Mallarie Mullen and Racheal Marchand dance with their dates during a slow song.

## Top *Restaurants*

visited before the dance...

- 1.) Olive Garden
- 2.) Maria Elenas
- 3.) Country Club
- 4.) Pestos
- 5.) Cafe Fondue

(50 people surveyed)

# Dancin' the Night Away

Freshman Jen Serbin poses for a picture with some friends.



Freshman Billy Allen exuberantly shows off his moves at the homecoming dance.



Couples take a moment and enjoy a slow song.



Patrick Hill dances with his date during the homecoming dance.



Natalie Hines and Drew Nellessen dance together to a fast song.



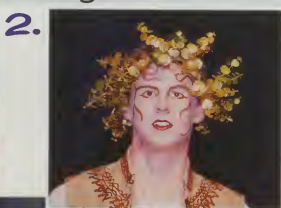
Mrs. Ringer, Mr. and Mrs. Largura, Mrs. Salomon, and Mrs. Bailey serve as chaperones for the homecoming dance.

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

The saying "hard work pays off" was evident in the drama club's winter production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The play directed by Robert Boetel was performed on November 22, 23, and 24 in the VHS auditorium.

Shakespeare's play set in Athens Greece challenged cast members in a number of ways from mastering the language to costume design.

The plot of the play revolved around two young lovers who wished to marry but were hindered by the opposing wishes of Hermia's father Egeus.



1) "Puck," played by Ryan Cunningham, confuses Oberon's orders to place love juice on Demetrius's eyes.

2) Senior Drew Nellessen plays the role of "Oberon," King of the Fairies.

3) Egues and Demetrius argue about Demetrius's misguided affection.



## The cast . . .



The Rustics



The Fairies

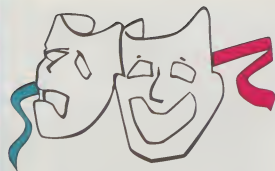


Abby Staub and Jordan Gray





## FALL PLAY



Senior Betsy Wonsetler, "Titania," gathers with her fairies and her new love who was turned into a donkey by love juice.

## What was the best part of being in the play?



*"I immensely enjoy Shakespeare because it's challenging, but the literature can speak for itself. Getting to wear a dress and scream like a girl was fun too."*

Damon Goodrich-Houska, 05'



*"I love performing, but it was especially fun getting to beat up Mandy on stage. The crowd liked it too."*

Julia Weiss, 03'



*"Being a part of the Rustics was a lot of fun. Sometimes the guys and I would get so into our parts that we couldn't stop laughing."*

Ben Cunningham, 03'



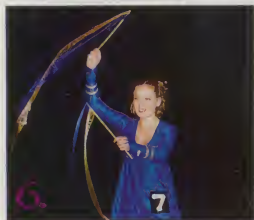
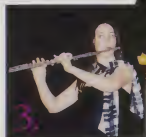
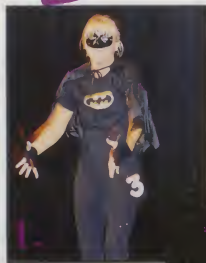
## Shakespeare

Left: Mandy Wilczynski, "Hermia," begs John Schwehn, "Lysander," to love her and take her as his wife. Right: Julia Weiss, "Helena" embraces Chris Wrobel, "Demetrius" as she proclaims her undying love for him.

## DRAMA



# Junior Miss



1. Amy Bowman dances to the **Batman** theme for her talent. Bowman was a cheerleader for the past three years.

2. Junior Miss contestants pose at the end of their performance. The girls learned a number of routines for the show.

3. Playing the **flute**, Julia Wiess shows her talent. A number of the girls played musical instruments.

4. Allisa Connors wins the local Junior Miss contest. Connors was awarded \$2000.

5. The girls congratulate each other, after the show. They spent a lot of time together preparing for the show.

6. Gracefully Kelly Macke dances while twirling her **ribbons**. Each girl had to perform a talent for the judges.

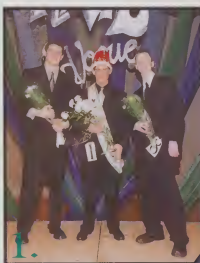
7. The poise section where questions are asked didn't stump Brittany Allen. Allen skillfully answered her question.

8. With **rose** in hand, Miranda McCage performs her number. McCage finished as runner-up in the Junior Miss competition.

The Junior Miss competition was packed with senior talent. The program was part of a national event where senior girls were judged in five different categories: judge's interview, talent, scholastics, fitness, and poise. The VHS winner, Allisa Connors, could not advance to the state competition due to a knee injury. Runner up Miranda McCage represented VHS at the state competition where she placed in the top ten.

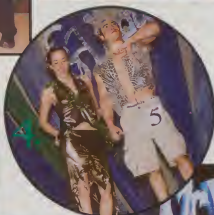
Boys in beauty pageants used to be hard to find, but with the help of student council, ten senior boys competed in the annual Mr. VHS competition which was held in the VHS auditorium on Sunday, March 16, 2003. The theme for the competition was *En Vogue*. The afternoon was full of dancing, towel wear, talent competitions, and evening wear.

David Mathas was crowned "Mr. VHS of 2003" and was awarded prize money. Other awards were given to the contestants in various categories ranging from Best Attitude, Quickest Learner, and Most Flexible. Adrian Demko came in second followed by Steve Olszewski who placed third.



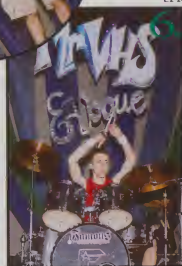
1. Dave Mathas was crowned Mr. VHS with Adrian Demko coming in second and Steve Olszewski receiving third.

2. Steve Howell sings to his escort Mandy Wilczynski during the talent portion. He sang *Learning To Breathe*.



3. Senior Stephanie Sharp and junior Julie Martz were in charge of the Mr. VHS production.

4. Erik Fontonez and escort Liz Neal dress in the jungle theme for their towel wear.



5. The Mr. VHS contestants (L-R) Ben Potts, Brett Lundgren, Steve Olszewski, John Coggins, Steve Howell, Dan Ormos, Robby Byers, Dave Mathas, Erik Fontanez, and Adrian Demko performed their choreographed dance.

6. Steve Olszewski performed his talent on the drums.

# French Flair



1. Seniors Allison Knauff and Josh Hanson dance the night away during the King of Hearts dance, *A Night In Paris*.

2. Jessica Townsley and date Jeremy Uitto cast their votes for the King of Hearts, which was won by Quantrell Blake.



3. Seniors Danielle Nunnelly and Ben Tritle pose for a picture before leaving for dinner.

4. Lauren Thomas and Greg Knapp take a break from dancing to enjoy a quiet moment together.

5. Seniors Katie Ziegler, Jeff Samardzija, Steph Sharp, and Nick Windsor take a second out of their fun-filled night to pose for a picture.



6. Dressing with the theme, junior Ryan Cunningham and sophomores Breanne Pynakker, Kathryn Dulla, and Courtney Blomquist pose on a street in Paris.

7. Tim Pimentel and Cassie Wells take a little trip through the Moulin Rouge. The decorations for the dance were all done by the Key Club.

## Most Memorable Dance Highlights . . .

1) Crowning of the king

2) After dance festivities

3) Dinner

4) Decorations



# Bring On the King

The King of Hearts Court: (L-R) Collin Yust, Tom Clifford, Ben Potts, Quantrell Blake, Carl Gioia, and Anoop Appannagari and their escorts.



Quantrell Blake and Carl Gioia clown around for a photo.



Blake, accompanied by date Kali Havlick, graciously accepts the crown.



Throughout the week, the court was challenged to dress as different characters. Carl Gioia was dressed as cupid for one of the days.



Key Club officer Kumari Ratnayake crowns senior Carl Gioia prince at the King of Hearts dance.



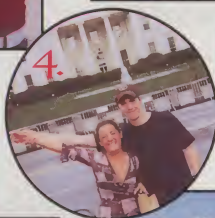
Ben Potts, Tom Clifford, Quantrell Blake and Carl Gioia pose in their French maid outfits. During the week, the court also had to dress as cupid, in the "Moulin Rouge" theme, and as a French food.

# Spring Break



1. Seniors Michelle Sullivan and Katie Ziegler sip on fruit smoothies served in real coconuts to cool themselves while standing in the **hot sun** of Cozumel, Mexico.

2. To avoid staying in Valpo on their spring break, senior girls Charlena Dan, Cassie Clifford, Kara Poncek, and Kate Tavernier enjoy the **beautiful** campus of IU.



3. Seniors Chelsea Bigott and Martha Lowe smile for the camera while **vacationing** in Coco Beach, Florida.

4. Senior Ashley Mains and her friend Jamie stand in Washington, D.C. in front of the **White House**.

5. Junior Adam Steiner and his sister Megan Steiner visit the **Edison-Ford winter homes** in Ft. Myers, Florida.

6. Chance Garbison and Brent Rosenbaum pose with a waiter while spending time with **friends** in Mexico.

7. Seniors Ali Witt, Megan Glaser and Sophomore Ashley Glaser relax on the beautiful **beach** in Ft. Myers, Florida.



## Most Visited Spring Break Destinations . . .

1) Mexico

2) Florida

3) Valpo

4) California

# So ki It Up Down South

The band poses for a group picture at Epcot Center in **Disney World** while waiting for the illuminations show to begin.



Seniors Keara Orton and Kim Carter **relax** on a bridge while enjoying beautiful Valpo.



Seniors Jim Krebs and Abby Key ride in the car on their way to Mount Rushmore.



Seniors pose for a picture in **Times Square** while spending their spring break in New York City.



Seniors Mallarie Mullen and Erica Boys cool off in the **clear** waters of Key West.



Seniors Colin Svilar, Ryan Hecimovich, Nick Dres, Mark Rastovic, and Drew Svilar pose for a picture while visiting **Siesta Key, Florida.**

# April Antics



1. To comply with the April Antics theme "Whose Line Is It?" Ryan Cunningham and Chad Gregg fight over who's first in line as part of their skit.
2. Ben Cunningham and Mandy Wilczynski visit fortune teller Julia Monacy. Monacy sang an Italian opera.
3. Katherine Bryant, Meghan Kirkpatrick, Drew Nellesen, and Cami Kern tap to Give my Regards to Broadway.
4. Dressed as robots, eight senior girls come to life with individual personalities and dance to the song *Red Alert*.
5. Sophomore Viviana Gonzalez sings the AB's while Sesame Street characters dance behind her.
6. Sophomore Ben Malone sings Army, and plays along on the piano.
7. Senior Aleks Karjaka plays a solo on the saxophone during the Jazz Ensemble number.
8. Michael Linert plays *Flight of the Bumblebee* on the cello.

An array of talent was displayed at April Antics, the annual VHS variety show. Under the direction of Mrs. Alice Gambel, students rehearsed faithfully to prepare for their first performance on Friday, April 25.

The theme was "Whose Line Is It?" Students incorporated the theme with famous movie lines, chorus lines, finish lines, head lines, punch lines, as well as pick up lines and more.

"You could really tell that a lot of work was put into this production. It was tight," explained junior Nathan Barksdale.



# Whose Line Is It?

Gathered together on stage, the varsity singers dance and perform *Street Party*.



Senior Lauren Johnson performs a rhythmic dance to *Silver Linings*. Johnson was also a member of the drama club.



Four year band member Katie Pritchett preforms her solo on the *trumpet*. Pritchett was the president of band.



Vikette members Dana Bretz and Lauren Hyde pose as the *Rockettes* as they dance to *New York New York*.



Libby Byrum sings the comical song, *Always a Bridesmaid, Never a Bride*.



A group of senior boys dressed as a girl's rival cross country team get prepared for a race.

# Deep Blue Destiny



1. Seniors Mallary Norman and Nate Corsbie pose for a picture while waiting in line at the Grand March. With the help of a few friends, Norman created and tie-dyed her own dress.

2. Seniors Jeff Samardzija and Katie Ziegler get close on the dance floor during a photo.



3. Senior couple Ryan Van-Cleef and date make an entrance at The Grand March.



4. Junior Heidi Hurley and VHS graduate Rick Frattacia slow dance during Deep Blue Destiny.

5. Senior Megan Porter and VHS graduate Parker Weber walk through the Grand March.

## Most Visited Place to go After Prom...

- 1) Great America
- 2) Camping
- 3) Chicago
- 4) Indiana Beach

6. Seniors Ben Potts and date slow dance during the variety of music that was played at the Prom.

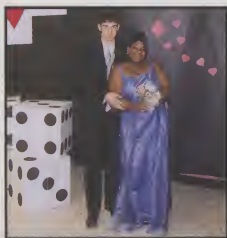
7. Seniors Sarah Sims and Kevin Spoolstra pose in front of the pirate ship in their homemade outfits constructed of duct tape. The two were competing for a scholarship that required creative uses of duct tape.

# Out of This World

Mrs. Yelton and Mrs. Fiegle-Hicks dress up as pirates for Deep Blue Destiny. The math teachers were junior class sponsors.



A student stands behind the joker sign at Post-Prom. The theme was Out Of This World.



Seniors Andrew Jeha and Alicia Thompson stop in at Post Prom to pose in front of the giant cards and dice.



Prom King Adrian Demko and Queen Amy Bowman show off their heardgear while posing in front of the pirate ship. They were nominated by teachers and selected by their fellow students.



Prince junior Nathan Barksdale and princess Lauren Jones were crowned at the Prom which was held at the Expo Center.



Seniors Mike Hills, Mitch Walczynski, Adrian Demko, Quantrell Blake, Christian Tabib, junior Nathan Barksdale, and senior Ben Potts take their last picture together before leaving the Prom.

# Over & Out



1. Marion Marcenac receives her diploma from school board member Mrs. Helen Gioia. Marcenac graduated with Highest Distinction.

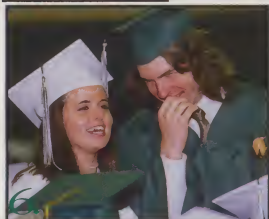
2. Tyler Miller and band perform two musical selections during commencement. Miller was chosen by his class to perform.



3. Graduates Cole Robinson, Matt Coburn, Dustin Bow, and Travis Clem wave goodbye as they leave the high school.



4. Student speaker Carl Gioia talks about the value and importance of the class of 03' during commencement.



5. Due to weather conditions, commencement was held inside the gymnasium. The graduating class consisted of 489 students.

The one hundred twenty-ninth commencement exercises of Valparaiso High School were held Wednesday, June 4, 2003, in the VHS gymnasium at 7 pm.

The presentations of diplomas were issued by members of the school board, administrators, and VHS staff.

Class song of 2003 was *Bittersweet Symphony* by the Verve and the flower was the Gerber daisy. Most of the arrangements were done by the senior class officers.

6. Graduates Erika Montgomery and Aaron Moore share a laugh before the ceremony.

7. After commencement, graduates gather in the field house and look at senior class pictures.

8. The commencement guest speaker chosen by the graduating class was band director Mr. Dan Pritchett.



# Shine like Stars

Together Amy Eichelberg and Drew Nellessen sing *The Kid Inside* from the musical *Is there Life after High School?* at Baccalaureate.



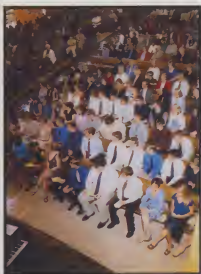
Senior class vice president Brittany Allen sings, *I hope You Dance*, by Lee Anne Womack.



Danielle Nunnally sings an original composition entitled, *I'll be there*.



Guest speaker Ben Potts reflects on his high school experiences about being a member of the band and varsity football team.



Graduating seniors and their families gather at the Valparaiso University Chapel for the Baccalaureate program.



Seniors Ben Tritle, Tom Hager, and Ben Potts all take part in a skit that reflected on early school experiences. The skit was created by senior Julia Weiss.



The pressure was on for president Stephanie Malak, vice president Brittany Allen, secretary Liz Neal, and treasurer Allisa Connors. These girls were elected to take on the tasks that most wouldn't. Their dedication and hard work helped them fulfill their duties with the Baccalaureate ceremonies, graduation, the class project, class party, and the senior picture.

"It was great to be involved with all the important decisions being made my senior year," Malak stated. All of the girls agreed that the hardest part of their job was trying to make everyone happy.

Having Liz Neal attend nationals in Colorado last summer gave the council some great ideas for the year.

"I've made close friendships that can never be replaced," Neal expressed.

"Our class float won," Allen said.

"It was so fun working on the float. These are the things that I'll never forget," commented treasurer Allisa Connors.

# Seniors

Katherine Abel  
Althea Acosta  
Mark Addison  
Kevin Adomitis  
Brittany Allen



Robert Allen  
Christian Ameling  
Anoop Appannagari  
Kathryn Arrasmith  
Casha Arzola





Randah Atassi  
Audrey Baggs  
Steven Baker  
Sheena Bales  
Jennifer Ball



Austin Barsophy  
Elizabeth Battisti  
Stephanie Beach  
Julia Becka  
Megan Beckwith



Cory Beedle  
Matthew Beigh  
Thomas Benton  
Christina Bess  
Michael Bianco



Manvel Biggs  
Chelsea Bigott  
Ryan Blackburn  
Ashlee Blankenbaker  
Justin Blanks



Jennifer Booker  
Kathryn Bortel  
Michael Bottos  
Dustin Bow  
Amy Bowman



Catherine Boyle  
Erica Boys  
Brian Breen  
Joshua Brink  
Dane Brown

Libby Brown  
Stephen Brown  
Jack Bryant  
Bradley Buhle  
Michael Burnison



Elizabeth Burns  
Kimberly Burns  
Sean Calloway  
Charles Camp  
Jason Campbell



Julianne Carr  
Kimberly Carter  
Zackery Carter  
Kristin Carullo  
Siobhan Casey



Cody Charnas  
Ella Rose Chary  
Sarrah Cheatham  
Jeffrey Cierniak  
Nissa Clark



Travis Clem  
Cassie Clifford  
Thomas Clifford  
Holly Coatsolonia  
Matthew Coburn



John Coggins  
Ashley Connor  
Sarah Connor  
Allisa Connors  
Ryan Cook







Jena Cooros  
Tara Coots  
Kevin Cooros  
Nathan Corsbie  
Timothy Cox



Jennifer Cramer  
Benjamin Cunningham  
Charlena Dan  
Rachel Davis  
Erin Deal



Ryan Defries  
James Dekoker  
Adrian Demko  
Megan Demory  
Elliott Dickinson



Dante Dickson  
Virgil Dickson  
Jessica Dinkelman  
Bridgette Dolliver  
Michael Dorulla



Jason Dowell  
Matthew Dravet  
Justen Dutcher  
Adam Dye  
Katrina Earhart



Amy Eichelberg  
Erin Eickleberry  
Andrew Evans  
Brett Evans  
Jessica Fasel

Kimberly Fejer  
Kara Fero  
Steven Figueroa  
Derek Finner  
Andrew Fiscus



Ryan Fisher  
Angela Fitzgerald  
Marissa Flynn  
Ruth Foelber  
Kelly Ford



Amy Fortener  
Sharece Franko  
Christina Frazer  
Michael Friedlund  
Erin Fuller



David Gage  
Chance Garbison  
Atusa Garlapati  
Renata Garr  
Matthew Gast



Michael Gavelek  
Emily Gearhart  
Michael Gildein  
Carl Gioia  
Meghan Glaser



Amanda Glassen  
Jessica Gonzalez  
Kristina Gordon  
Jordan Gray  
Chad Gregg





David Grossman  
Hannah Grossnickle  
William Grove  
Jessie Grskovic  
Tone Haave



Deana Hadley  
Thomas Hager  
Carolyn Hahn  
Michael Hale  
April Hall



Ashley Hall  
Crystal Hanson  
Joshua Hanson  
Nathaniel Harbison  
Ryan Hecimovich



Rachel Hedgepeth  
Gavin Henderson  
Jennifer Hennessy  
Daniel Hilker  
Michael Hills



Natalie Hines  
Matthew Hofferth  
Katie Horne  
Matthew Howie  
Nathaniel Hull



Lisa Hunt  
William Hunt  
Lauren Hyde  
Matthew Imer  
Stephanie Irzyk

Christine Jack  
Christina Jackson  
Kathryn Jankowske  
Jovan Jefitch  
Andrew Jeha



Lauren Johnson  
Patrick Johnson  
Rachel Jontz  
Matthew Jozwiak  
Stephanie Kalmbach



Aleksandre Karjaka  
Claire Kaup  
Jillian Keimach  
Jennifer Keller  
Ryan Kelley



Jeffrey Kent  
Abigail Key  
Brandan Kimble  
Andrew Kingery  
Meghan Kirkpatrick



Erik Kispert  
Kristen Klazura  
Katherine Klimek  
Allison Knauff  
Benjamin Kolada



Edward Kolar IV  
Catherine Kozelka  
James Krebs  
Christopher Krupchak  
Mary Kubiszak





# Top 10 things you'll miss when leaving for college...

1. Family/Friends
2. Privacy
3. Home cooked meals
4. Car
5. Your boyfriend/girlfriend
6. Pets
7. Your bedroom
8. Your bathroom
9. Sleep
10. Valpo High



Crystal Lang  
Jeffrey Langan  
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Nicholas Larson  
Jessica Laughner

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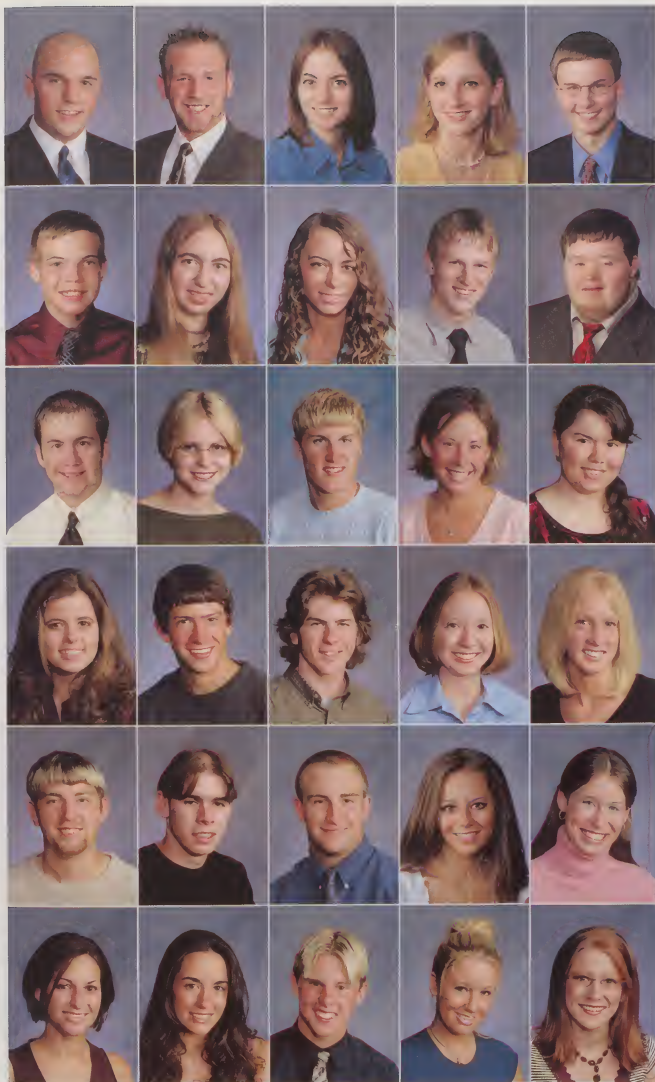


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Cynthia Morse

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Christopher Moseman  
Brandon Muha  
Mallarie Mullen  
Lindsay Mullins

Katherine Myers  
Elizabeth Neal  
Andrew Nellessen  
Carissa Nelson  
Mallory Norman

## Chelsea Bigott

*"I will be living in California and married to a super star, and not remembering what VHS was."*



## Kate Tavernier

*"In ten years, I will be in my lazy boy, petting my cat, looking at my high school yearbook wondering why I made this face."*



## Christian Tabib

*"I will be in Valparaiso, living the dream life with my wife Veronica."*



## Lynsey Marchese

*"I will hopefully be a professional soccer player and attend church regularly."*



**Where will  
you be in  
10 years?**

## Chance Garbison

*"In ten years, I will be in Mexico living on a beach."*



Danielle Nunnally  
James O'Carroll  
Patrick Olander  
Stephen Olszewski  
Daniel Ormos



Keara Orton  
Lauren Ostrowski  
Jeremy Overmyer  
Anthony Owen  
Daniel Owen







Garrett Owens  
Kelly Patterson  
Carolina Pfeifer  
Sarah Phillips  
Jamie Piatti



John Pimentel  
Heather Plothow  
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Kara Poncek  
Megan Porter



Benjamin Potts  
Justin Price  
Daniel Pritchard  
Kathryn Pritchett  
Ryan Raelson



Nicole Rains  
Jamon Randolph  
Pavan Rao  
Marc Rastovic  
Kumari Ratnayake



Jillian Rau  
Amanda Ray  
Megan Reder  
Alan Regal  
Jason Renn



Rachel Rhoda  
Leanne Richmond  
Laura Ridder  
Hadie Rifai  
Jamie Rigoni

Cole Robinson  
Katherine Robinson  
Reilly Rodich  
Steven Rodich  
Lauren Roscoe



Megan Rose  
Brent Rosenbaum  
Kristen Rottinger  
Johanna Rubsam  
Christopher Russell



Donald Rutkowski  
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Daniel Samay  
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Gretchen Somers  
Stefani Somers  
Mark Sontag  
Kevin Spoolstra



Prakaydao Sri-Ngien  
Kelly Staley  
Christina Stanim  
Dawn Stefanski  
Rachelle Steggerda



Nathan Steinhubel  
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Scott Stulpe  
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Steven Susdorf  
Anne Sutherland  
David Svetcoff  
Colin Svilar  
Drew Svilar

Charles Szrom  
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Morgan Tilleman  
Rachel Tipton  
Jessica Townsley  
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Stephen Trapp



Malanna Tressler  
Benjamin Trille  
Tiffany Truex  
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Kathryn Tyll



Caitlin Ufer  
Aaron Uhrina  
Lauren Ulman  
Ryan Vancleef  
William Van Senu



Maren Vigilante  
Josiane Virgil  
Mitchell Walczynski  
Diana Walker  
Sarah Walker







Heather Walsh  
Katherine Walters  
Marel Wandasiewicz  
Christopher Wasielewski  
Kathryn Watts

Sarah Way  
Julia Weiss  
Cassie Wells  
Ashlee White  
Edward Whitehead

# How do you get your **MAck** on?

-LAUREN OSTROWSKI

*"Well, you either have it or you don't. Word around the school is that, I have it."*



-KARA PONCEK

*"I don't really know what it is that I do, but for some reason all the boys flock to me."*



-BRENT ROSENBAUM

*"Mack is a tricky subject to understand and even trickier to master. But, I get it on by saying that I am Brent Rosenbaum. Works every time."*

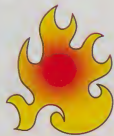


-TOM CLIFFORD

*"I usually go to McDonalds and get a big mac."*



**DEFINITION:** mack (mak) v., Getting someone to be interested in you.



Ian Widup  
Mandy Wilczynski  
Matthew Wilson  
Megan Wilson  
Earl Windsor



Alexandra Witt  
Benjamin Witte  
Robert Witters  
Lena Wittl  
Elizabeth Wonsetler



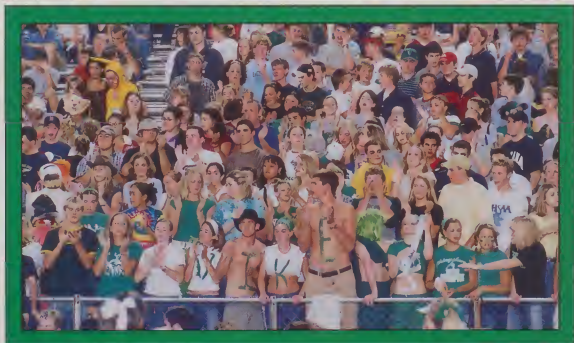
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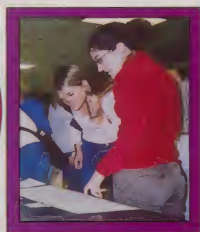


Senior students show their spirit by decorating themselves with body paint. At every football game a large number of students dressed in green or other various costumes depending on the opponent for the night.





# Good Times





# SENIOR ROYALTIES

## MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED



Ben Potts



Morgan Tillman



Carl Gioia



Ella Rose Chary



Marion Marcenac



Stephanie Malak



Cullen Long



Zoltan Josh Saary



Dan Owen



Tessa Marshall



Shannon Shapiro



Liz Neal

## BEST ATHLETE



Adrian Denko



Jason Renn



Jeff Samardzija



Michelle Sullivan



Megan Rose



Danielle Nunnelly

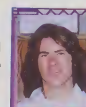
## BEST HAIR



Austin Barsophy



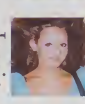
Zoltan Josh Saary



Aaron Moore



Jessie Marquez



Mallarie Mullen



Meghan Glaser

## BEST MUSICAL TALENT



Ben Lawson



Drew Nillesen



Tyler Miller



Mollie Knox



Katie Pritchett



Katie Myers

## BEST PERSONALITY



Carl Gioia



Collin Yust



Aaron Moore



Christine Jack



Mallarie Mullen



Erica Boys

## BEST DRESSED



Austin Barsophy



Steve Rodich



Brent Rosenbaum



Katie Ziegler



Mallarie Mullen



Marion Marcenac

## BEST SMILE



Austin Barsophy



Tom Clifford



Adrian Denko



Meghan Glaser



Mallarie Mullen



Erica Boys



## MOST LIKELY TO STAY IN VALPO



Steve  
Baker



Jason Renn



Kevin  
Spoolstra



Gretchen  
Somors



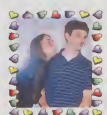
Mallery  
Norman



Allison  
Knauff

## BEST COUPLE

Carl Gioia &  
Kristina Gordon



Jeff Kent &  
Amy Bowman



Arman  
Sarkisian &  
Amy Eichelberg



## WORST DRIVER



Ben Potts



Ben Tritle



Brad  
Buhler



Megan  
Reder



Keara  
Orton



Allison Knauff

## BIGGEST FLIRT



Dustin  
Bow



Kellen  
Mogk



David  
Matthias



Rachel  
Davis



Jamie Piatti



Allisa  
Connors

## MOST LIKELY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD



Ben Potts

John  
Schrader



Katherine  
Lelek



Peter  
Zapcar



Claire Kaup

Katy  
Robinson

## MOST LIKELY TO NEVER RETURN TO VALPO



Morgan  
Tilleman



Ana  
Scheidecker



Garrett Owens



Jessica  
Javors



Sam  
Hart

Nicole Sierra

## MOST LIKELY TO FALL IN A MANHOLE



Mike  
Bottos



Kellen  
Mogk



Billy  
Vansenus



Brittany  
Allen



Julia Weiss



Lauren  
Johnson

## CLASS CLOWN



Carl Gioia



Dan Ormos



Tom  
Hager



Julia Weiss



Christine Jack



Allisa Connors

## DRAMA KING/QUEEN



Dustin  
Bow



Billy  
Vansenus



Drew  
Nellesen



Jamie Piatti



Julia Weiss



Mandy  
Wilczynski



As many high school students neared the end of their junior year, they stopped to think about what they have done so far in their high school years. Some had very fond memories and others did not. For four juniors, those thoughts consisted of "stepping outside the box" to make their junior year, along with their classmates the best year ever.

"My biggest accomplishment so far this year was getting the junior class to think as one," said secretary Jenny Hoefler.

Along with Hoefler, president Ben Kolodzinsky, vice president Dana Bretz, and treasurer Lauren Holst all agreed that was their biggest responsibility, but also their favorite part of being a junior class officer was the ability to represent nearly 500 people. Each of the four also



Clockwise(L-R): Jenny Hoefler, Dana Bretz, Lauren Holst, Ben Kolodzinsky

agreed that one of the best parts of being a class officer was the ability to create a "new and exciting prom."

When asked what life lesson he learned while being in student council, Kolodzinsky answered, "Compromise can solve any problem."

# Juniors

Brianna Addis  
Zafer Ahmed  
Kacey Alexander  
William Allen  
Diego Alvarez  
April Anderson  
Shannon Anderson



Tabbatha Anderson  
Anthony Apostoloff  
Lindsay Arndt  
Ryan Balazs  
Anthony Balbo  
William Barker  
Nathan Barksdale



Shawn Barnes  
Israel Barrios  
Kyle Bartholomew  
Kathryn Bartley  
Trista Bavuso  
Keenan Baxter  
Michael Bazin





Rachel Beach  
Chad Behner  
Monika Beier  
Tara Beverley  
Jessica Binder  
Cassandra Black  
Cassandra Black

Isidora Blando  
Katy Blythe  
Tatiana Bojczuk  
Andrew Bonaventura  
Rachael Bonich  
Walter Booker  
Valerie Brandenburg

Alexander Breiting  
Dana Bretz  
Marissa Bridges  
Justin Bridgewater  
Bradley Briggs  
Brittne Brissette  
Ashley Brown

Emily Brown  
Michael Brown  
Ryan Brown  
Kori Brumley  
Ryan Brunker  
Leslie Bryan  
Michael Budd

Philip Budnik  
Ashley Burgess  
Betsy Burke  
Patrick Burnell  
Michael Byerly  
Bethany Byrum  
Elizabeth Byrum

Megan Caldwell  
Brian Calvert  
Paul Canaday  
Matthew Candiano  
Lindsay Carlson  
Jamie Carns  
Paul Carrano III

Nora Casey  
John Catrino  
Michelle Cavnah  
Kari Chael  
Jonathan Charlson  
Cassandra Chester  
Jennifer Clarke

Myles Clarke  
Audrey Claussen  
Jonathon Coggins  
Curtis Coleman  
Molly Colosino  
Jac Cooper  
Natalie Cooper

Chelsea Cornell  
Cody Cornett  
David Costas  
Chris Cox  
Eric Cramsie  
Steve Crenshaw  
Diana Crew



Adam Cronk  
William Cross  
Rebecca Crumpacker  
Ryan Cunningham  
Joshua Daugherty  
Neil Davey  
Brian Deardurff



Aleksandr Demko  
Christopher Demorotski  
John Dewitt  
Jamie Doane  
Michael Doyle  
Zachary Duis  
Abigail Dunleavy



Ashley Dunlop  
Jared Earhart  
Zachary Eklund  
Elliot Elger  
Laura Engerer  
Erin Ennes  
Ashley Evanovich



Adam Ewing  
Joel Fabugais  
Amy Ficken  
John Fields  
Wade Filewich  
Erica Fischer  
Ryan Fleming



Emily Forbes  
Megan Foreman  
Steven Fournier  
April Fraley  
Bradley Frame  
Jessica Freeman  
Erin Frey



Joshua Fricke  
Erin Friedman  
Brett Fuller  
Emily Garrison  
Jason Gaskell  
Donna Gast  
Joseph Gawdzik



Megan Geissler  
Michael Ghilardi  
Olivia Gingerich  
Viviana Gonzalez  
Nathan Goodwin  
Ryan Goodwin  
Elicia Gootte



Lindsay Gough  
Mia Goulding  
Kyle Granat  
James Gray  
Andrew Greenawald  
Brandon Grunwell  
Tony Gunter



Breanne Gustke  
Matthew Hammond  
Seth Hancock  
Marisa Hansell  
Troy Hanselman  
Rachael Hardesty  
Kevin Harkel





Lauren  
Hutton



"Bosco Sticks on Thursday."

Brian  
Calvert



"You don't have  
to think and  
you don't get  
homework."

# What is the best thing about lunch?

Keven  
Ludwig



"The friendly lunch staff. My  
lunch lady comments on how  
I look and is interested in my  
school activities."

Cara  
Kern



"The guessing games-  
you get candy."



Angel Harris  
Jordan Heckard  
Amber Hedges  
Kaitlin Heinrich  
Nicholas Henrichs  
Carl Hillesland  
Jennifer Hoefler

Christopher Hoepfner  
Bryan Hoitsma  
Terry Holder  
Lauren Holst  
Daniel Homan  
Justin Hopper  
Alyssa Hoskins

Jessica Howell  
Julia Hudson  
Hilary Huguenard  
Autumn Hunt  
Kelsey Hupp  
Heidi Hurley  
Patrick Hurley

Alexis Hurms  
Lauren Hutton  
Josva Ibrahim  
Kathryn Ingram  
Kelly Ireland  
Jeffrey Irzyk  
Michael Jadrnak

Stephanie Jakich  
Celess Janeway  
Marie Janus  
Tyler Jarvis  
Michael Jindra  
Amanda Johnson  
John Travis Johnson



Matthew Johnson  
Matthew Johnson  
Lindsay Johnston  
Bea Jones  
Jennifer Jones  
Kenneth Jones  
Lauren Jones



Jonathan Joseph  
Bradley Joyce  
David Kacmarik  
Andrew Kantroski  
Callie Kardos  
Jon Kasperan  
Autumn Kaylor



David Keith  
Kathleen Kelly  
Rachel Kenis  
Anne Kennedy  
Carrie Ann Kennedy  
Shawna Kennedy  
Cara Kern



Christopher Kerns  
Brent Kimmel  
Ryan Kingery  
Melissa Klancer  
Karen Klein  
Teela Kloss  
Gregory Knapp



Jaime Koch  
Charles Kochenash  
Bryan Kolehff  
Benjamin Kolodzinski  
Nicole Korilko  
Renae Kotynski  
Karen Kremer



Lindsey Krels  
Timothy Kucharski  
Rachel Kuker  
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Sabrina Kunz  
May Kwok  
Jonathan Lambeth



Douglas Lang  
Jonathan Lawson  
Mark Livingston  
Amber Lieneck  
Daniel Lieske  
Jacob Lieske  
Andrew Lind



Thomas Linthurst  
Melissa Lipscomb  
Timothy Lozny II  
Laurie Lucchesi  
Kevin Ludwig  
Vincent Luongo  
Jennifer Lute





Matthias Maaz  
Marissa Maciel  
Dana Majewski  
Racheal Marchand  
Bradley Martz  
Julie Martz  
Alexander Massa

Danielle Mauch  
Megan Maynard  
Michelle Maynard  
Jared McCart  
Zachary McConnell  
Louis McGhee  
Casey McKim

Christina McLane  
Brian McMillan  
Mary McMullan  
Maureen McShane  
Nicole Melendez  
Kyle Meyne  
Patrick Millian

Michael Minissale  
Julia Monacy  
Neal Monroe  
Edward Montelongo  
Ashley Morgan  
Benjamin Morris  
Ryan Morrison

What celebrity would you date and why?



"Jennifer Garner-  
looks athletic."  
-Tim Richard



"Gene Wilder,  
because he will forever  
be Willy Wonka."  
-Tara Beverley



"Julia Roberts-  
she's so hot!"  
-Tim Kucharski



"Toby Maguire, because  
he is spiderman, isn't that  
enough?"  
-Libby Byrum



David Mueller  
Philip Nagel  
Sara Naramore  
Jeffrey Nelson  
Jessica Newhart  
Trevor Nightingale  
Britney Nondorf

Christopher Norman  
Nicole Novak  
Benjamin Nowlin  
Allison Nunley  
Ryan Nuppnau  
Chisara Nwabara  
Elizabeth Orr

Lysette Ortiz  
Hilary Ostafinski  
Megan Overbey  
Logan Owens  
Mallory Parsons  
Linda Partridge  
Natalie Patton

Patrick Pawloski  
Chelsea Payne  
Benjamin Pease  
Erik Pederson  
Joel Pera  
Scott Petersohn  
Neena Phadke

Michelle Pietris  
Ryan Pocratsky  
Keith Pollock  
Hollie Pope  
Joseph Poropat  
Rebekah Porter  
Megan Prendergast

Kyle Price  
Samuel Price  
Stacy Price  
Christopher Pismos  
Leah Publicover  
Alicia Radtke  
Katherine Ramirez

Joshua Randolph  
Matthew Ray  
Karen Reed  
Tiffany Reel  
Jonathan Reinert  
Michael Reinhertz  
Thomas Relos

Brittany Reyes  
Timothy Rickard  
Katelyn Ridlbauer  
Leslie Rietveld  
Sarah Robb  
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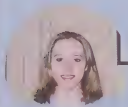
"Working at the golf course because you talk with all the golfers and just have a good time."

**-Joel Pera**



"Lifeguarding, because you get paid to work on your tan."

**-Stephanie Wisner**



"Something outside, something fun- probably lifeguarding."

**-Dana Majewski**



"No job."

**-Nathan Barksdale**

# WHAT IS THE BEST SUMMER JOB?



Stephen Sandquist

Kate Schacki  
Brian Schimpf  
Ashlee Schroeder  
Molly Schur  
Rand Schwan  
John Schwehn

Martha Schwehn

Amber Scott  
Amanda Scully  
Samantha Seeger  
Andrew Seibert  
John Shaffer  
Tahbeer Shatat

Heather Shaw

David Shinabargar  
Angela Shiplov  
Sarah Sibo  
Andrew Silhavy  
Katie Slack  
Christopher Smith

Savannah Smith

Ashley Smithy  
Joshua Smock  
Bradley Smolios  
Chadwick Smolios  
Patrick Solomon  
Ashlee Stabler



Sarah Stack  
Sean Stanley  
Adam Steiner  
Danielle Stipp  
Samuel Stoner  
Lindsey Stout  
Ronald Strainis



Shannan Stryjewski  
Austin Sulich  
Evan Summers  
Benjamin Sundry  
Madison Sutton  
Ryan Sunton  
Danielle Swacker



Danielle Sweeney  
Stephanie Svets  
Sara Swinehart  
Jeremy Taylor  
Lauren Taylor  
Lauren Thibodeau  
Brandon Thomas



John Thomas  
Noel Thompson  
Ashley Thoreson  
Jeffrey Threlkeld  
Nathan Tinglof  
Logan Tippins  
Brett Townsend



Cassandra Tran  
Anthony Tratar  
Rayanna Tressler  
Amanda Tryon  
Matthew Turk  
Sara Turner  
Brandi Usher



Nora Vail  
Timothy Van Laan  
Jena Vaughan  
Joseph Venditti III  
Jessica Venturini  
Jimi Volpp  
Trevor Voss



Shane Vouga  
Ashley Walters  
Matthew Weber  
Christopher Weeks  
Rachel Weideman  
Kurt Westerhausen  
Timothy Westforth



Laura Wheat  
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Jessamyn Wheeland  
Heather Wickstrom  
Ryan Widner  
Blake Williams  
Stephanie Wisner



Elizabeth Wolfe  
Matthew Woods  
Austin Yim  
Patrick Yokovich  
Jessica York  
Jennifer Yover  
Danielle Zale





Candice Zell  
Samantha Zic  
Eric Zosso  
Julie Zulich

# *What is the top reason why you can't wait to be a senior?*

"One more year left  
then I'm done."

~Ashley Allen



"Because then I will have one  
year left before I move on to a  
better place, California."

~Matt Weber

"Ready to go to college."

~Seth Hancock



"One more year till I leave."

~Dorrie Blando



# Sophomores

After having spent a year at the high school Chelsea Nix, Luke McAfee, Jeff Brandt, and Bryan Carberry were ready to take on the task of being the sophomore class officers.

The students helped create a float for the homecoming parade amongst other activities including hosting fundraisers and being a part of different committees.

"The Leadership Day program we went to during school and last year's state convention were my most memorable experiences," stated Chelsea Nix.

Furthermore, Nix had a busy schedule since she was on the fundraising, Mr. VHS, and the YES committees.

"Leading the student council was my new responsibility," added Luke McAfee.



Barbara Abbey  
Crystal Aguirre  
Joshua Allen  
Kenneth Allen  
Margaret Anderson  
Michelle Anderson  
Kyle Lee Andrews

Alexandra Apostol  
Nicklas Armellino  
Sarah Asher  
Mazen Atassi  
Ashley Austin  
Emily Baas

Anthony Baker  
Lauren Baker  
Alex Bales  
Kristen Banschbach  
Colleen Barry  
Andrew Barton  
Nicole Bene

Jillian Bennett  
Caroline Bertram  
Jillian Blakley  
Karie Blanks  
Rhea Blasko  
Courtney Blomquist  
Shannon Bock

Danielle Boer  
Michael Bonick  
Jeffrey Brandt  
Laura Breen  
Anna Bremer  
Stephanie Brooks  
Peter Brown







Kayla Brumley  
Katherine Bryant  
Jessica Bucks  
Ashley Budd  
Katelyn Bullman  
Jennifer Bunton  
Chelsea Button

Tom Cahillane  
Trevor Callahan  
Manuel Campos  
Travis Canaday  
Paul Canadine  
Kristin Cannon  
Bryan Carberry

Jazmin Cardenas  
Vanessa Carna  
Ashley Carpenter  
Bryan Carr  
Colleen Casey  
Angelo Catania  
Bryan Chappo

Agatha Chojnacki  
Evan Christian  
Nathan Christner  
Tina Christodoulakis  
Alexandra Christopher  
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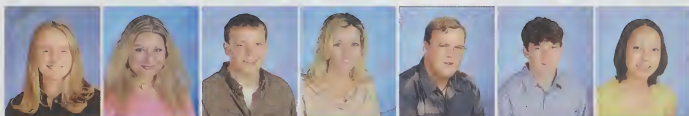
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Levi Cowser  
Jennifer Crabtree  
Jason Crowe  
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Erin Dalton  
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Victor Delafuente  
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Jacob Dillon  
Kristyn Dimitroff  
Brandon Dineen  
Jillian Domeske  
Alexander Donkle  
Katherine Drakos  
Sarah Duda

Kathryn Dugan  
Kathryn Dulla  
Justin Duncan  
Susan Driczkowski  
Anthony Earhart  
Steven Edwards  
Belinda Eichelberg



Alicia Ellenberger  
Diana Esparza  
Athena Evan  
Ashley Evans  
Courtney Evans  
Molly Evans  
Shane Evans



Mary Fagg  
Eric Fait  
Xiang (Mei Mei) Feng  
Brianna Finney  
Stephanie Fisher  
Kellye Fitzgerald  
Shaun Fleege



Lisa Floran  
Kathryn Fodness  
Ellott Fortin  
Jennifer Fox  
Kathryn Franz  
Patrick Frataccia  
Fay Gammon



Evan Garbison  
Marc Garza  
Benjamin Gavelek  
Bo Gilliland  
Ashley Glaser  
Philip Gleason  
Andrew Goldschmidt



Damon Goodrich-Houska  
Margaret Graber  
Elizabeth Graham  
Lukas Grebe  
Lesley Green  
Daniel Grigalanz  
Patrick Grindlay



Timothy Gronek  
Richard Gross  
Charles Grossman  
Laura Groth  
Heather Grzelak  
Byron Hadley  
Lauren Hall



Ben Hamilton  
Kristopher Hanchar  
Crystal Handing  
Jon Hanselman  
Ernest Hasselbring II  
Ashley Henderson  
Joshua Henderson



Devin Henson  
Zachary Henson  
Jason Hensoldt  
Danielle Heuring  
Laura Hill  
Patrick Hill  
Eric Hills





James Hockett  
Shannan Hoffmann  
Amanda Hoiesinger  
Heather Hontz  
Kathryn Hood  
Bradley Horn  
Matthew Hornyak



Matthias Houldieson  
Michael Hrunek  
Austin Huck  
Bryan Hughes  
Sean Huguenard  
Benjamin Hull  
Lindsay Humes



Megan Hunt  
Maria Huyette-Arrizza  
Talor Ibson  
Sarah Irelan  
Scott Izynski  
Christina Jamison  
Daniel Jettich



Erica Johnson  
Francesca Johnson  
Megan Johnson  
Michele Johnson  
Zachary Johnson  
Michael Johnson  
Nathan Jones



Robert Jones  
Jagan Kansal  
Lydia Karjaka  
Tami Kearns  
Jonathan Kebe  
Jake Keith  
Matthew Keller



Brian Kelly  
Pierce Kelly  
Joseph Kendall  
Adam Kepa  
Cassandra Kerns  
Jodi Kerwin  
Hussam Khoury



Lara Kilarski  
Jamila Kilian  
Sarah Kinder  
Matthew King  
Raka Kingsland  
Abigail Kline  
Adam Kloss



Erin Knauff  
Terribo Kohn  
Brian Kolada  
Geoffrey Kolodziej  
Nicholas Kopack  
Jonathon Kopp  
Nicholas Kovachevich



Kandycce Kraker  
Justin Krenz  
Rachel Kretzmann  
Rebekah Krizmann  
Stephanie Krizmanich  
Lauren Krueger  
Amanda Krupinski



Ryan Kubal  
Joshua Kucharyski  
Michael Kulick  
Alyse Kupsis  
Angel Lamprecht  
Sarah Larosa  
Andrew Larr



Yanaira Lebro'N  
Eric Leland  
Douglas Lenz  
Bethany Lewis  
Matthew Lewis  
David Light  
Brian Lindsey



Michael Linert  
Michael Lippelt  
Elizabeth Listman  
Jeffrey Livarchik  
Ashley Livovich  
Nathan Loden  
Valerie Logsdon



Ryann Lomas  
Nicole Loutzenhiser  
Samantha Ma  
Beth Maack  
Eric Macaluso  
Katelyn Macie  
Kara Maclean



Elise Magno  
Heather Mahan  
Ashley Maifert  
Rebecca Malmquist  
Benjamin Malone  
Caitlin Malone  
Alex Malott



Hrisovalantou/V  
Mamouzelos  
James Manago  
Matthew Manolakis  
Perrine Marcenac  
Josephine (Josi) Marcinko  
Michael Marcinko  
Kyle Markovich



Daniel Marshall  
Anthony Martin  
Rachel Martin  
Madeline Mason  
Samuel Matias  
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Allison Mattes



Ashley Matthiesen  
Christopher Mauck  
Luke McAfee  
Sean McBride  
Scott McClure  
Nicole McCormick  
Molly McGowan



Matthew McGuire  
Stacey McGuirl  
Mari McKenna  
Aaron McMeans  
Kellie McNeil  
Collin McShane  
Austre Berta Medina







Nicholas Mercaldo  
Stephanie Mertz  
Karin Mick  
Sarah Mihalich  
Brittany Millar  
Justin Miller  
Christopher Minnix

Timothy Mittelstadt  
Jaclyn Moeller  
Natalie Moldstad  
Angela Monesi  
Lisa Monroe  
Nicholas Montgomery  
Jonathan Moon

Jordan Mooney  
Shane Mooney  
Micah Moore  
Aaron Morgan  
Randy Morgan  
Ashley Morris  
Kristi Morris

Patrick Mullins  
Robert Mundo  
Morgan Murphy  
Lauren Neff  
William Neff  
Derrick Nelson  
Allison Neuberg

Quyen Nguyen  
Christopher Nichols  
Michael Nichols  
Ryan Niketh  
Chelsea Nix  
Nicholas Nondorf  
Jonathan Norman

# What Would You Do For \$50?



"I would eat peanut butter  
off someone's toes."  
~Justine O'Neill

"Anything that doesn't  
have to do with food."  
~Kelly Thorpe



"What wouldn't I do for \$50!"  
~Ashley Budd

Amy Nowlin  
Nicole Nuzzo  
Britta Nyborg  
Katherine O'Carroll  
Danielle Oslar  
Jay Oglesby  
Cameron Oleson

Caitlin O'Malley  
Erin O'Malley  
Richard Ombremowski  
Justine O'Neill  
Christian Oppermann  
Ryan Osburn  
Geoffrey Osika

Brandy Parker  
Nicholas Parks  
Amanda Parry  
Golden Paschal  
Timothy Patterson  
Sarah Patton  
Lindsay Pavell

Michael Pejowski  
Jennifer Peller  
Jenna Perry  
Elizabeth Peruski  
James Petersen  
Michelle Phelps  
Emily Phillips

Catherine Pierce  
Michael Piet  
Phillip Pimentel  
Nicole Pluchinsky  
Anna Podoll  
Jessica Poruczniak  
Nathan Pritchard

Joshua Pritchett  
Kyle Prow  
Nicholas Puaica  
Breanne Pyrakker  
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Marcia Ransom  
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Kirsten Reinhold  
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John Richard II  
Richard Ringer  
Anthony Ritter  
Zachary Robinson

Sarah Rodenbarger  
Elizabeth Rodriguez  
Emily Rogers  
Melissa Rompola  
Devon Rosen  
Amanda Rosenbaum  
Daniel Rossetot

Clare Rowland  
Tim Rozendaal  
Chad Russell  
Brittany Rust  
Crystal Ruvalcaba  
Kira Saary  
Kelly Salazar



# Most loved teachers



80 people surveyed



Rachel Santay  
Drew Sarkisian  
Kane Sarkisian  
Ilise Sarver  
Rachel Sarwacinski  
Baron Saterbak  
Kathleen Scannell

Sharie Schaeffer  
Jeff Scheeringa  
Steven Schmidt  
Brittan Schroeder  
Elizabeth Schroeder  
Michael Schuster  
Christopher Scott

Richard Scuderi  
Timothy Serbin  
Chad Shadle  
Andrew Sharpe  
Kevin Shea  
Ashley Shell  
Edward Sheptak

Kristen Sidor  
Megan Simpkins  
Kathryn Simpson  
Michael Simpson  
Sherri Skinkle  
Erin Slack  
Christopher Smith

Eric Smith  
Elise Snell  
Daniel Sontag  
Amber South  
Allissa Spelde  
Melissa Springsteen  
Emily Stark





Abigail Staub  
Joy Stefanski  
Gregory Steingass  
Thomas Steingass  
Megan Stephan  
Tye Steuck  
Jeremy Stinnett



Matthew Stipp  
Caitlin Stockwell  
James Stolarz  
Danielle Stolpe  
Allen Stoneberg  
Christopher Stover  
Kara Strehler



Timothy Surber  
Gary Susdorf  
Tyler Sutton  
Hillary Swardson  
Rebecca Szmajaj  
Bradley Szpakowski  
Suzanna Szrom



Amy Tague  
Benjamin Tallman  
Julie Tanner  
Kyle Tapp  
Natalie Thomas  
Stephanie Thomas  
Branden Thompson



Elizabeth Thompson  
Kelly Thorpe  
Brandon Tran  
Benjamin Turk  
Brandi Tutterow  
Brandy Tuttle  
Sara Tylec



Stewart Tyler  
Jonathan Ufer  
Alexander Urban  
Brandon Utley  
Andrew Vahary  
Eve Vandergrift  
W Vansnest



Laurie Vaughn  
Aaron Vincel  
Jason Vogelpohl  
Brittany Waelde  
Wes Walczynski  
Heather Walton  
Kellie Watkins



Daniel Watts  
Lisa Weller  
Lori Weller  
Michael Wells  
Rebecca Wells  
Matthew Welter  
Andrew Wendahl



Melissa West  
Michael Westfall  
Andrew Whitehead  
Kavleen Wichlinski  
Christopher Wiggins  
Cameron Williams  
Laura Williams







Lindsay Williams  
Nicole Wilson  
Julie Wisner  
Whitney Wojtkowski  
Scott Wolff  
B. James Wright  
Christopher Wrobel

Laura Wunder  
Robin Yim  
Aaron Yover  
Kevin Yu  
Stephanie Zaharias  
Stephen Zaradich

# Hottest movies/songs of 02-03

## Movies Groups

The Ring

DMB

Chicago

50 cent

CKY 2K

John Mayer

8 Mile

Goo goo dolls

Old School

Nelly

60 people surveyed

# Freshmen



Not pictured: Jill Demorotski and Audrey King

Freshman Class officers enjoyed the new high school experience in student council. Secretary Zach Shuta considered the meetings more fun. President Ian Golando thought that the students had the chance to do and run more activities on their own.

While Golando was president and Suta was secretary, Jill Demorotski served as the vice president and Audrey King was the treasurer. The freshman officer responsibilities were to attend meetings and to give ideas. In addition, they organized, oversaw, and ran projects. They also supported other officers and the student council as a whole.

The officers were proud of their homecoming float; they thought it was the most successful activity of the year. They also participated in fundraisers, and some of the officers went to the state convention and other leadership programs. They felt the convention and the leadership programs were a great addition to student council.

"My goals as an officer were to try and get all of the freshman to work together efficiently and to start raising money for prom," said freshman class president Golando.

Shadman Ahmed  
Jae Hwan Ahn  
Sarah Albers  
Billy Allen  
Eric Allen  
Sheldon Alt

Brittney Alyea  
Alexandra Andrejevich  
Petar Arsenjevic  
David Arzola  
Nikke Ault  
Andrew Baker  
Scotty Baker

Michael Bales  
Alexander Balingit  
Sarah Barker  
Michael Baron  
Emily Barry  
Matthew Baum  
Marie Bautista

Matthew Beach  
Erin Beedle  
Ronnie Beier  
Sarah Beigh  
Erica Bengel  
Benjamin Bennett  
Courtney Bennett





Nalleigh Berger  
Samuel Berkshire  
Noelle Bernat  
Bryce Berry  
Aaron Berryman  
Leah Bess  
Aaron Biggs



Laura Blackburn  
Tania Blake  
Thomas Blythe  
Robert Bober  
Matthew Bonick  
Jane Bowker  
Elizabeth Boyce



Joshua Boynton  
Matthew Bradley  
Melissa Bradley  
Garrett Brincko  
Aaron Brown  
Christine Brown  
Kirstin Brown



Megan Brown  
Nicholas Brown  
Jeremy Bruno  
Lauren Bryan  
Stephanie Buck  
Alexander Burke  
Cary Butterfield



Dustin Byrem  
Justin Caddy  
Ashlee Cahillane  
Krista Calloway  
Eric Calvert  
Keith Carlson  
Nicolas Carullo



Richard Cernauskas  
David Chace  
Quynh Chau  
Jonathan Chen  
Nicholas Cherry  
Lisa Church  
Rachael Churchard



Christian Clark  
Katrina Clark  
Matthew Clayson  
Chally Clem  
Kirsten Clifton  
Paul Coburn  
Luke Coleman



Luke Coleman  
Matthew Conedera  
David Conison  
Kaitlyn Cook  
Jason Copeland  
Brandon Cornett  
Joseph Corsbie



Alexander Costakis  
Evan Costas  
Brittany Cowan  
Mallory Cowley  
Amanda Crawford  
Oliver Crawford  
Corey Crew

John Cribbs  
Shauna Croarkin  
David Cross  
Robert Cuellar  
Paul Cunningham  
Sean Cunningham  
Zachary Cunningham



Samantha Daniels  
Johnathan Darrow  
Smita Das  
Anthony Davis  
Matthew Davis  
Kathryn Dehring  
Danielle Delvalle



Marisa Demko  
Jillian Demorotski  
Ryan Denike  
Kelsie De Vries  
Kyle Dinwoodie  
Belinda Dobbins  
Eren Dogruyol



John Dougherty  
Timothy Douglass  
Jacob Dostater  
Jennifer Dostater  
Sarah Dravet  
David Dravininkas  
Ashley Dudash



Steve Dudek  
Seth Duis  
Robert Dunevant  
Dax Duron  
Kelsey Eichelberg  
Samantha Engel  
Carolyn Engerer



Emily Erftenbeck  
Anthony Errichiello  
Andrew Ewing  
Lisa Fejer  
Natalie Fisher  
Lisa Fitzgerald  
Erica Foreman



Emily Fortener  
Madelin Foster  
Loman Fox  
Tressely Franko  
Ashley Fredericks  
Bret Freeman  
Jared Frey



Karley Gaither  
Andrew Gambel  
Nicole Garris  
Alisha Garrison  
Stephen Garristson  
Edward Garwick  
Jenna Gathmann



Michelle Geer  
Renee Gildein  
Katherine Godbey  
Kelly Goffiney  
Ian Golando  
Erich Goranson  
Valerie Graham







Sandra Grant  
Laura Grayam  
Jolene Grich  
Samuel Grossnickle  
Julia Groves  
Saara Hafeez  
Brittney Hall



Kim Hamilton  
Michael Hammond  
Stephanie Hanchar  
Tim Handlon  
Diane Hardin  
Timothy Harrell  
Sandra Hartman



Derek Hartz  
Miranda Hatfield  
Chris Heath  
Aaron Hellman  
Steven Henderson  
Timothy Hennessy  
Kara Henry



Jason Higginbotham  
Joseph Hill  
Jaime Hite  
J. Kyle Hittinger  
Lauren Hittinger  
Carl Hoeller  
Ashley Hoffman



Elizabeth Hoffman  
Jaclyn Hogan  
Kathryn Horan  
Benjamin Hosfeld  
Katherine Hostetter  
William Howell  
Brett Howie



Matthew Hudgins  
Erica Humes  
Trevor Ibison  
Monica Idstein  
Krystina Irzyk  
Dana Jacques  
Matthew Jadrmak



Edra Jani  
Jeffrey Jensen  
Aaron Johnson  
Krestina Johnson  
Jessica Johnston  
Josh Jones  
Nicholas Kafantaris



Mark Kalmbach  
Nicholas Kappas  
Paul Kasperan  
Kaitlin Kearby  
Ricky Keaton  
Nicholas Kelley  
Kevin Kelly



Benjamin Kenis  
Carolyn Kennedy  
Ian Kennedy  
Matthew Kennedy  
Andrea Kent  
Rachel Kenworthy  
Sarah Kepa

Cami Kern  
Marvin Kilian  
Audrey King  
Adam Kingery  
Anna Kispert  
Ashley Klazura  
Ashton Kleemann



Gerald Klimczyk  
Mary Kozelka  
Jessica Krenz  
Clinton Krysa  
Julie Kubina  
Ashley Kuchta  
Cassie Kwell



Veronica Lain  
Brett Lakin  
Trina Lamb  
Michelle Lang  
Kate Larson  
Brandy Launder  
Julie Lentz



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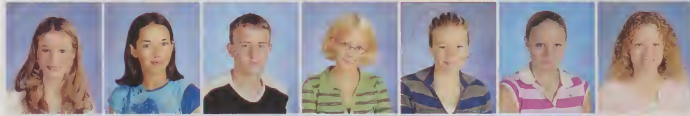
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Carolyn Maynard  
Katharine McCarthy



Thomas McGinley  
David McGonigle  
Megan McGrath  
Matthew McGuirl  
Sara McKinley  
A.J. McLinn  
Jill McMillan



Meghan McNabb  
Cynthia Medina  
Mercedes Medina  
Lisa Mica  
Robyn Mihal  
Christopher Minissale  
Jenna Minton





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Tharzaela Mohideen  
Bryan Molina  
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Matthew Monnier  
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Jaelyn Mullen  
Michael Mullen  
Nicholas Mullen  
Monica Munoz

James Myers  
Randi Myers  
Ashley Naramore  
Zachary Neill  
David Nelson  
Matthew Nelson  
Jillian Ness

Arika Nolan  
Megan Norman  
Vanessa Norman  
Ryan Norris  
Kenneth Novak  
Robert Novotny  
Fatma Nowab

Kevin Nuppnau  
Jasmine Niwabara  
Matthew O'Brien  
Heidi O'Hara  
Joshua Overmyer  
Christian Owen  
Victor Pachero



"It is the maturity."  
-Lisa Fejer

"There are a lot more  
people."  
-Katie Sarkisian



"The girls."  
-Paul Cunningham



"There is more home-  
work and responsibil-  
ity."  
-Nick Kelley

What's the biggest difference  
Class of 2006  
between 8th and 9th grade



Christine Page  
Haley Page  
Rebecca Pahl  
Lindsey Papka  
Javier Paredes  
Maeghan Parks  
Nicholas Parry



Sarah Passaro  
Phillip Patterson  
Lindsey Payne  
Candace Pederson  
Hannah Peters  
Margaret Phelps  
Rajiv Pithadia



Elizabeth Poehop  
Amanda Pocratsky  
Ryan Pong  
Brytany Pope  
Sabrina Pope  
Stacey Powell  
Dustin Price



Michael Prochno  
Katie Rader  
Travis Ranegar  
Nicholas Rapp  
Erica Raschke  
Senaka Ratnayake  
Allison Rawley



Andrew Raynor  
Blake Read  
Angel Reeder  
Michael Refbord  
Tracy Reff  
Andrew Reich  
Amber Reynard



Patrick Rickman  
Patrick Rickman  
Hashem Rifai  
Kathryn Ripley  
Austin Ritter  
Michael Rivera  
Samantha Robertson



David Robinson  
Phillip Rodenbeck  
Catherine Rodriguez  
Andrew Rosene  
Meghan Ross  
Jason Rothenberger  
Shanna Rottinger



Nikki Ruffner  
Maggie Rupe  
Anthony Rush  
Lucas Russell  
Magdalene Rutkowski  
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Meaghan Ryan

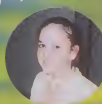


William Ryan  
Christine Sallee  
Jenna Saltanovitz  
Nicole Samay  
Samantha Sanders  
Maria Santos  
Nicholas Saponaro





# What is your definition of "sketchy"?



"When something really weird happens, too weird to say 'weird'."  
-Amy Stipp



"Really Weird"  
-Melissa Bradlee



"A situation in which the cops may appear."  
- Chris Smith



"Crazy"  
Carl Hoetler



Zachary Saponaro  
Katie Sarkisian  
Shelly Saunders  
Elizabeth Scannell  
Jillian Schafer  
Justin Schafer  
Jacob Schau

Katherine Scherschel  
Ryan Schmidt  
Andrew Schmidtke  
Kimberly Schroeder  
Kelly Schultz  
Mike Scott  
Kristen Scuderi

John Seramur  
Jennifer Serbin  
Jeffrey Shapiro  
Alyssa Sharp  
Anwaar Shatat  
Jennifer Shurney  
Zachary Shuta

Jillian Simison  
Jeffrey Sims  
Joseph Sirokie  
Kevin Skelton  
Kristin Skinner  
Christopher Smith  
Jamie Smith

Jordan Smith  
Cecily Smrzlick  
Zachary Solomon  
Emily Somers  
Holly Sontag  
Scott South  
Lindsey Spratke

Stacey Staack  
Shashika Stanislaus  
Mitchell Steuer  
Jacqueline Stewart  
Amy Stipp  
Leeann St. John  
Angela Stolpe



David Stuck  
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Elaine Szarmach  
Marrissa Szalor  
Renee Taylor



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Georgina Tomas



Alexandra Tompi  
Dylan Totzke  
Samantha Townsley  
Kevin Tran  
Mary Trimble  
Chelsea Trout  
Katie Turley



Ian Tyler  
Zachary Urban  
Kevin Vail  
Ashley Valestin  
Hunter Van Houten  
Jacob Van Noort  
John Vanvliet



Adam Vass  
Andrew Vereb  
Lauren Vogelsang  
Jordan Vouga  
Kendra Wagner  
Lindsey Wainwright  
Holly Walsh



Julie Wandasiewicz  
Jessica Warden  
Melissa Webb  
Caitlin Weeks  
Cameron Weeks  
Christopher Wellsand  
Michaela Welsh



Nathan Wendrickx  
Jamie West  
Kyle West  
Lyndsay Wheele  
Alicia White  
Brent Whitman  
Holly Wiergacz



Kyle Wiggins  
Kaitlin Williams  
Jamie Wilson  
Kevin Wilson  
James Winter  
Vanessa Wirth  
Allison Witte





Evan Witters  
Michelle Witvoet  
Shawna Wixon  
Brittney Woldt  
Danielle Wright  
James Zenci  
Anthony Zonghetti



Dana Zubik

# Do you believe in love at first sight?



"I do believe because I have experienced it." - Alex Tompi



"Yes, I believe in love at first sight because I see it happen every day." - Danielle Delvalle



"Yes, I do because you should know right away if they're your type and every one has one person that they are supposed to be with." - Jill Ness



"Yes, because I saw it happen." - Sean Cunningham

# Faculty

Vella Anderson- Business  
Kathryn Bailey- English  
Mary Ann Bauer- Registrar  
Barb Bowman- Staff



Elke Bowman- German  
William Boyle- Science  
Patti Brady- Math  
Terry Brendel- English



Nancy Brown- Bookstore  
Rebecca Burbrink- Spanish  
Debbie Clifford- Special Education  
Dawn Collins- Special Education



Kathie Connelly- Media Center  
Lorie Cook- Physical Education  
Rebekah Cowan- Guidance  
Terry Cox- Social Studies







Wilberta Cudney- Staff  
Diane Davis- Social Studies  
Steven Davis- Science  
Karen Devries- Attendance



Kristina Dobson- Social Studies  
Nancy Dziedziko- Secretary  
Ella Edwards- Secretary  
Nancy Ficken- Physical Education



Mara Fiegle-Hicks- Math  
Debbie Fray- I.B. Coordinator  
James Genevoese-Industrial Tech  
Diane Gordon -English



George Gordon-Assist. Principal  
Dale Gott- Math  
David Gow- Guidance  
Donna Gray-Social Studies



John Gutierrez- Social Studies  
Marilyn Hanson- Art  
Carolyn Hardebeck- Guidance  
Judith Hawes- Food Service

John Hershberger- Math  
 Libby Hills- Special Education  
 Herb Hofer- Math  
 Lenore Hoffman- English



Mark Hoffman- Health  
 Cinnie Huber- Ashbaugh- Staff  
 John Hutton- Assoc. Principal  
 Carol Jennings- Secretary



John Knauff- English  
 Mark Knauff- Math  
 Tim Kopf- Orchestra  
 Ramona Krueger- Special Ed.



Joe Kulavick- Staff  
 Sally Lammertin- Science  
 Judy Largura- Staff  
 Lance Leach- Business



Kathy Levandoski -Special Ed.  
 Bill Lieske- Custodial Supervisor  
 Jill McGonigle- Math  
 Sheryl McQuinn- Food Service





Jaclyn Mentz- Staff  
Jean Miller- Latin/English  
Tina Morales- Special Ed.  
Ann Nellessen- Attendance

Elener Nelson- Staff  
Roberta Norwich- Art  
Stacey Pagel -English  
Michael Pavell-Assist. Principal

Susan Peleso- Staff  
John Pinkerton- English  
Bobbie Pio- Secretary  
Brett Polizotto- Science



Science teacher Ralph Iatrola twirls his daughter Natalie on the dance floor at the King of Hearts Dance. Iatrola served as a chaperone for the event.

Daniel Pritchard- Band  
 Lewis Rhinehart- German  
 Patricia Rhinehart- German  
 Mary Kae Ringer- Secretary



Miguel Rosario- Band  
 Mary Rybak- Staff  
 Ginger Sajdera-Cons. Science  
 Lisa Sanyet- Secretary



Kay Sattler- Science  
 Fred Schmetz- Science  
 Paula J Schmidt- Attendance  
 Linda Schonbachler- Choir Director



Deb Seeger- Staff  
 Natalie Shadowen- Social Studies  
 Judie Shurr- Business  
 Sidney Reggie- Social Studies



Gordana Sormaz- Journalism  
 Daniel Spears- Special Education  
 Cynthia Stalbaum- Business  
 Melissa Stoltzfus- English





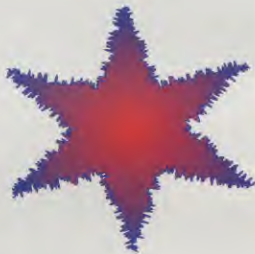


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 Rhonda Yelton- Math



Gloria Zimmerman- Guidance

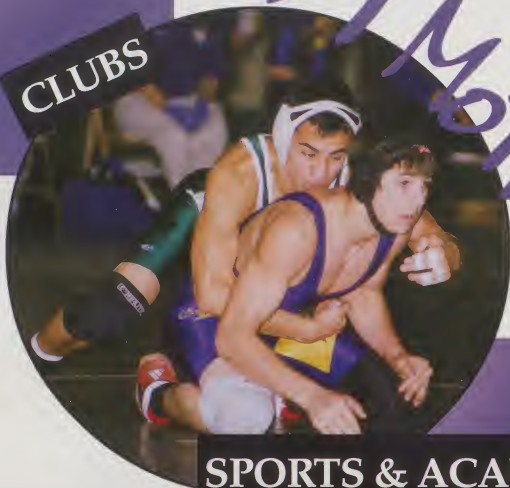
STAFF



Lunch Ladies-(front row) 1-r: Patty Jordan, Shirley Riley, Kathy Mieler, Lois Bruder, assistant food service director; Mary Kush, satellite manager; Fran Erickson, Joyce Crowe, Debbie Johnson (Back row) 1-r: Rose Witt, Lan Nguyen, Lorrie Nichols, Sally Wellensiek, Marion Osterhout, Kim Saturday, Theresa Torbitt, Mary Baker, Susie Prodziad, Debbie Hammers, Annette Eckley, Connie Heflin, Ruth Ann Webb (Not present) Susan Cole, Linda Gast, June Herr, Marsha Kobe, Debbie McDaniel, Nancy McDowell, Marian Palmer, Pam Raupach, Ruth Wilson



CLUBS



SPORTS & ACADEMICS

*Extracurricular*



Drama Club



Debate Team



Cross Country

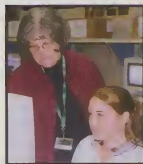


National Honor Society

Whether you are a student rushing off to class, or an athlete hurrying to an after school practice, you are always **on the move**. The chance to interact with classmates gives you the opportunity to meet new people, and experience new situations. The relationships between coaches and teammates are those which you will never forget. For four years, they are your second family. No matter where you go or what you do, you will always remember them. Competing gives you a new sense of accomplishment and pride. Whether you receive a medal, ribbon, or state ring, the opportunity to become one unit and accomplish one goal will forever be embedded in your heart. The memories available to you are those in which will never forget. Whether it was attending an afterschool meeting for Spanish Club or running to debate practice, one thing was for certain- you were **Always on the Go**.



Boys' Tennis



Spanish



Diving



Boys' Soccer



Student Council Gift Drive



Volleyball



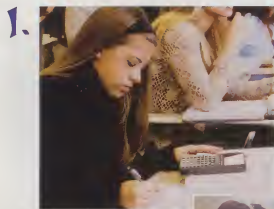
Multi-Cultural Club

# Formula for success

Valparaiso High School offered a wide variety of math, science and technology classes for its diverse student body.

The math department offered courses ranging from pre-algebra to AP calculus in a three track system. Students learned concepts and principles which prepared them for college.

The science classes at VHS promoted variety as did the math options. There was a class for every student according to ability and interest. Classes ranged from the typical biology and chemistry classes to environmental or earth space.



1) Junior Shannon Stryewski works diligently on her pre-calculus assignment. Pre-cal was one of the advanced classes juniors and seniors added to their schedules.

2) While on her computer, Sarah Dravet practices her keyboarding skills. The class helped students improve their typing and computer skills.

3) While taking notes in business law, senior Matt Wilson takes a break.

## Inside the classes . . .

Biology II



Danielle Nunnally and Kristina Gordon

Earth Space



Julie Becka and Shannon Anderson

Biology II



Pawan Rao





Mr. Lance Leach gives notes over the projector to his economics class. The class was taken by mostly seniors where they learned the basic concepts which prepared them for their college courses. "In my classes, we tried to do most of the work in class and kept homework to a minimum. Effort was the key to doing well in the course. Plan to apply yourself, or you get to take economics again," said Leach.

## Thoughts from the students who know...



***"My econ class is so much fun! That sounds wierd but it really is, and Mr. Leach plays great 80's music!"***

**Brittany Allen, 03'**



***"Business law is a practical class, you learn a lot about tons of things you can sue people for."***

**Marel Wandasiewicz, 03'**



***"Economics is involved in virtually anything and everything. I didn't realize that before."***

**Eric Fontanez, 03'**

In a class of juniors and seniors, pre-cal teacher Bob Punter gives some example problems to his attentive track II class. "The main focus of the class was to review algebraic concepts and to introduce calculus topics to prepare students to take a calculus course," said Punter.



# no Brains, no Gains

"As a coach, the best part of Science Olympiad is getting the opportunity to work with a group of students who are enthusiastic about science, learning, and work so well together as a team," according to Science Olympiad coach Mrs. Collins. Science Olympiad was an international nonprofit organization where one shared knowledge regarding all areas of science. At state, the science olympiad team placed 4th and they placed 2nd at regionals. The students did a lot of work to prepare for their competitions which included studying, melting plastic, having balloons explode, and building with legos.

Academic superbowl was another academic competition where one could strive for academic excellence. The five subjects were all tied together with the theme "Middle Ages." To prepare for the competition, students had to research their subject areas and they quizzed each other during practices.

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1) Senior Stephanie Young and Junior Katie Rush show off their second place medals at the regional competition.

2) Before a spell bowl competition, May Kwok, Ella Rose Chary, Ken Allen, Courtney Bennett, and Jasmine Nwabara practice some words.

3) In the "Mission Impossible," category at the Science Olympiad State meet, Ryan Pocratsky, Myles Clark, and John Fields work together.

## Inside the cOMpetiOns...



Academic Conference Super Bowl



Randah Atassi and Katie Robinson



Lydia Karjika and Katie Fodness



## Quiz Bowl

Quiz Bowl (L-R): Charles Szrom, Randah Atassi, Katy Robinson, and Laura Wunder compete at a Quiz Bowl competition. Quiz bowl was a jeopardy style, general knowledge game. There were four students on a team and the teams were asked different study questions. There were 9 meets and one tournament. "It gave smart kids the chance to get together and show that they were smart," says Quiz Bowl sponsor Tim Matthew.

## What is your favorite part about Science Olympiad?



*"I learned to expect the unexpected as nothing ever goes as we planned it."*

Cassie Tran, 04'



*"It's learning different things while having a blast doing it."*

Mei Mei Feng, 05'

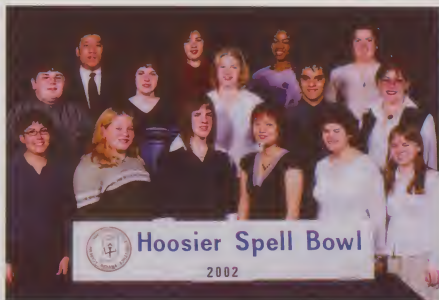


*"My favorite part of Science Olympiad is the team aspect. We work together but we also have a lot of fun while doing it."*

Anne Sutherland, 03'

Row one (L-R) : Katie Fodness, Courtney Bennett, Lydia Karjaka, May Kwok, Senior Co-Captain Ella Rose Chary, Shawn Barnes. Row two: Jason Rothenberger, Maureen McShane, Brittan Schroeder, Ken Allen, Sarah Asher. Row three: Austin Yin, Senior Co-captain Nissa Clark, Jasmine Nwabara, Michelle Phelps. Spell bowl was an academic competition where ten people competed per meet. Each member stood on the stage and spelled nine words correctly.

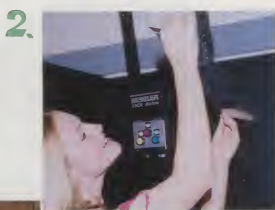
## Spell Bowl



# Behind the Curtain

Many of the students at VHS were artistically inclined, and what better way to express that talent then through the many art and drama classes offered at school.

Photography was one class offered on an introductory level as well as an advanced class. The first class introduced the students to the basic functions of the camera and fundamental aspects of photography in general. If students decided to take the second more advanced course, they learned a more professional approach of study as well as refining previously learned processes.



1) Carefully, Katie Abel loads her photo paper into the enlarger. The process enabled the proofs to be placed on paper.

2) Seemingly pleased, Mandy Wilczynski views her contact sheets. In photo, students took and developed their own pictures.

3) Julia Monacy puts the final touches on Cara Kern's make up.

## Inside the classes. . .



Matt Wilson, Katie Watts,  
& Ellie Schreiner



Jen Booker



Drew Nellesen &  
Betsy Wonsetler





ART

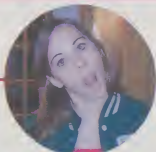
Senior Julie Lloyd works on her International Baccalaureate art project. The class met during ninth period and was taught by Mrs. Hanson. In addition to IB art, some students opted to take the advanced placement art class. In this class, students were required to keep a specific portfolio.

## A word from the students...



*"The CMT trip was everything I expected and more. We saw many Broadway shows and worked with many professionals who have made it in the business."*

*Drew Nellesen, 03'*



*"My favorite project in photo was a landscape picture, because we got to color it... what?"*

*Katie Boyle, 03'*



*"I'm always shocked how professional the finished product is. It's very gratifying to see your hard work paying off."*

*Randah Atassi, 03'*

Members of the Creative Musical Theater (CMT) class gather in front of the Lincoln Center for a group picture. This class was offered every other year and focused on theatrical script writing, musical composition, and study of the theatrical styles and techniques. Students took a trip to New York in October to see numerous Broadway plays to help them in creating their own musical for the class.

CMT

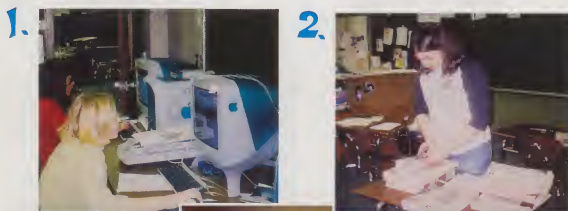


# Copy that "write" Away

Valenian and Viking Press were two classes offered in the area of student publications. Valenian was the yearbook class and it gave students the opportunity to put their journalism skills into practice.

Eight monthly issues of the student newspaper, the *Viking Press*, were produced by staff members. Students were responsible for interviewing, writing and designing pages.

"For students wanting real world writing and design experience, *Valenian* and *Viking Press* provided a good foundation," stated journalism teacher Gordana Sormaz.



1) Kate Kozelka and Allison Nunley work during Valenian hour. Staff members were assigned a certain number of spreads.

2) Senior Randah Atassi counts newspapers before distribution. Viking Press delivered the newspaper during tenth period.

3) Editor Katie Ziegler crops pictures for a more refined appearance before sending them off to the production plant.

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## Inside the classes...



Keara Orton



Olivia Gingerich  
Tessa Marshall



Steve Olszewski  
Chris Wasielewski



Valenian

### Valenian (L- R)

Keara Orton, Charlena Dan, Kate Kozelka, Erica Boys, Allison Nunley, and Katie Ziegler.

The yearbook consisted of 200 pages which covered everything from student life to sports. Staff members were assigned spreads and had to work under deadlines. They gained knowledge in layout, design, writing copy and interviewing. The editors were Katie Ziegler and Erica Boys.

## A word from the inside . . .



*"Valenian is not only a class, but a chance to hang out with friends and eat pizza...a lot!! It's a shame I had summer school cause it caused me to give up my camp experience."*

Charlena Dan, 03'



*"Viking Press provided a great opportunity for me to put my creative design skills to use."*

Chris Krupchak, 03'



*"Being on yearbook staff together this year was definitely a lot of work, but we knew how to have fun!"*

Erica Boys & Katie Ziegler, 03'

### Viking Press

Row one: Chris Wasielewski, Steve Olszewski. Row two: Virgil Dickson, Chris Krupchak, Randah Atassi, Claire Kaup. Row three: Olivia Gingerich, Rachel Kenis, and Tessa Marshall.

Viking press



# Speakin' your mind

It was a true team effort," stated Randah Atassi. The group only filled up 7 of the 12 entry spots for the debate competition at state. Yet, the team finished second and that was the most successful finish in VHS history. They scored higher than some of the larger teams in their cumulative scores. Led by seniors Katy Robinson, EllaRose Chary, Amy Fortener and sophomore Jagan Kansal, they finished the competition tied for fifth place in their respective events.

Seniors Imran Hafeez and Randah Atassi and sophomore Farhan Hafeez were tied for 9th place in their events and sophomore Ben Tallman was a semi-finalist in student congress.

The team qualified seniors Katy Robinson and Ella Rose Chary for the national debate tournament which was held in Atlanta, Georgia in June.

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**1)** Katy Robinson received the outstanding attorney award for Mock trial. She placed seventh in the nation in Lincoln Douglas at the national debate tournament held in Georgia.

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**2)** Practicing for the Mock Trials, Claire Kaup studies her notecards.

**3)** The coaches for Mock Trial were attorney Dave Chidester and judge Mary Harper.

## The members of Mock Trial...



Claire Kaup



Katy Robinson and Amy Fortener



Julia Weiss





Debate Team: (L-R) Coach Dr. Larry Stuber, Coach Don Sheffer, Farhan Hafeez, Imran Hafeez, Coach Chris Waters (Second Row)(L-R)Randah Atassi, EllaRose Chary, Katy Robinson, Amy Fortener (First row) Jagan Kansal, Ben Tallman. The team placed 2nd in state at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis. Katy Robinson qualified for nationals as did EllaRose Chary.

What characteristic is needed to be on the team?



*"Fearlessness- it's scary to get up in front of everyone and speak!"*

*Randah Atassi, 03'*



*"Determination- willingness to work."*

*Mrs. Waters,  
coach*



*"Devotion- a can do attitude is needed to do well on the debate team."*

*Ben Tallman, 05'*

Mock Trial team: (L-R) Nora Vail, Julia Weiss, Amy Fortener, (Back row) Claire Kaup, Katy Robinson, Randah Atassi. The competitors in Mock Trials placed 2nd in state in terms of point total. They also placed 3rd in Regionals.



# In Service

Interact club was associated with the Rotary Club, which was a service organization that promoted international understanding. The club members were very willing to help others and gave up their time according to sponsor Mrs. Lenore Hoffman.

Ninety-six students met after school on Tuesdays for Key Club. They developed, initiated, led, and served the community with many activities like working at SELF and sponsoring the King of Hearts Dance.

"Students Against Drunk Driving (S.A.D.D.) tried to educate students against the dangers of drunk driving and other destructive decisions," said sponsor Mrs. Sue Hager. "They did the prom campaign this year, which included the car crash scene and the Grim Reaper."



1) Interact club members Cassie Wells, Katie Rush, and Sarah Naramore get ready to sell food to raise money for a fundraiser.

2) Maureen McShane and Amy Nowlin pose for a picture while attending one of the Wednesday after school meetings.

3) Key club members Erica Foreman, Jenna Gathmann, and Jamie Moeller participate in the CROP Walk.

## Inside the meetings . . .



Interact Club members



Key Club members



S.A.D.D. Club members



**Key Club**

Key Club members join together for a group picture after attending the Crop Walk held at Valparaiso University. They were participating in the Crop Walk where they got pledges for the event and then raised money to aid awareness regarding hunger.

## What makes Interact Club, Key Club, or S.A.D.D. fun?



*"You get to meet a lot of interesting people and making a difference is okay with me."*

Cassie Wells, 03'



*"All the fun in Key Club comes from the people-the people we help, the people we meet, and especially the people we work with."*

Marian Marcenac, 03'



*"S.A.D.D. is a great activity because I get to contribute to the community by raising awareness on a really important issue- drunk driving."*

Ella Rose Chary, 03'

(Left to Right: Maureen McShane, Amy Nowlin, Ella Rose Chary, and Shawn Barnes.) At the beginning of the year, Students Against Drunk Driving members made a Chain of Life. This chain had different colors representing the different grades in school. Students had opportunities during lunch hours to write their name on a "ring" for the paper chain. The chain was hung during the year to show students and faculty what S.A.D.D. club felt about drunk driving.

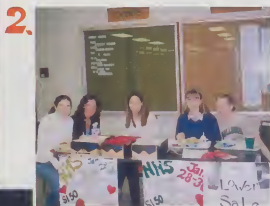
**S.A.D.D. Club**



# People Helping People

"The student council was a group of active and dedicated students who worked together as a team to help serve and improve the lives of the Valparaíso community members," said student council co-sponsor Karen Berg.

Student council members were involved in many activities such as fund raisers, community service, gift drives, food drives, and leadership workshops. Some of the most successful activities this year were the gift drive and Club V. Club V raised \$1,000 which they donated to two local charities. This year the student council hoped to improve communication with the student body. They also hoped to become better leaders, according to sponsor Karen Berg.



1) Student council members Lisa Floran, Stephanie Malak, and Kristina Gordon chair the annual gift drive.

2) NHS members Meghan Kirkpatrick, Kate Kozelka, Lauren Johnson, Deana Hadley, and Christina Bess sell flowers to raise money for scholarships.

3) Jamie Marshall and Rachel Jontz stop and pose for a picture while delivering flowers.

## Inside the meetings . . .



Student Council Sponsors  
Mrs. Burbrink and Mrs. Berg.



Student council meeting



Sophomore Lisa Floran





## HONOR SOCIETY

Members of National Honor Society sort the flowers from the flower sale. There were three colors to choose from. White-which stood for friendship, pink-secret admirer, and red-which stood for love.

## What is your favorite part of NHS?



*"I enjoy helping others out. All the people that we helped were so grateful for our help, and that's what makes the hard work so worthwhile."*

Kumari Ratnayake, 03'



*"The best part is meeting all the people involved. Everybody in NHS has something different to offer, different strengths."*

Carl Gioia, 03'



*"I think NHS is a huge honor and I feel proud to be a part of it."*

Tessa Marshall, 03'

Student Council Officers  
Row one (L-R): Treasurer Carl Gioia, and Vice President Kristina Gordon. Row two (L-R): Parliamentarian Austin Yim, Sergeant in Arms Evan Summers, President Michelle Sullivan, Historian Abby Dunleavy, and Secretary Ben Potts.

## STUDENT COUNCIL



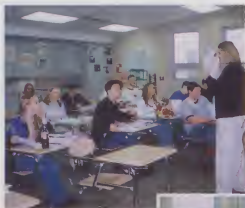
# Learning Socialbly

Model UN was a simulated meeting of the United Nations, where the students became the delegates. Each student received a country and the delegates were divided into committees.

In addition, there were a variety of social studies courses that were offered at Valparaiso High School. Some included world history, US history, psychology, sociology, government and econ classes.

In addition, the Foreign Exchange club allowed students to get together and have fun with a variety of students.

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1) Ms. Shadowen's 6/7th world history class listens carefully while she explains their assignment.

2) Foreign Exchange Club members have fun rolling the big ball at the welcome party at Ryan Goodwin's house.

3) Senior Chelsea Bigott raises her hand and waits patiently to be called on.

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## Inside the class . . .



World History



Social Studies



Psychology

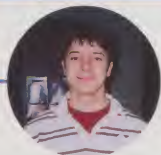


## ForEiEn ExChAnGe



Foreign exchange club members gather for a picture outside of junior Ryan Goodwin's house.

## What did you think of Model UN?



*"At Model UN I had a great time. It is an invigorating way to jump into the world of politics."*

Tim Pimentel, 03'



*"My favorite part of Model UN was the freedom it gave us to explore the city and feel grown up."*

Nora Vail, 04'



*"May I raise a personal point of privileged in Djibouti?" I experienced the juxtaposition of the needs of various nations. It was an enlightening experience."*

Pavan Rao, 03'

Row one: Nora Vail Row two (l-r) Dan Samay, Lauren Jones, May Kwok, Emily Garritson, Tim Pimental, Pavan Rao, Nazur Amed, Bridgette Brissette Row three: Sara Naramore, Zafer Ahmed, Chuck Szrom, Terry Trepane, Austin Yim. Not pictured: Martha Schwehn, Neena Phadke, Katy Robinson, Imran Hafeez, Faraham Hafeez, Travie Blane, Blake Williams, Stephanie Swetz, Shawn Barnes, Alex Breitenger, Nick Kovanevich, Chris Wrobel, Rachel Tipton, Richard Scuderi, Peter Sapker, Nissa Clark



## MODEL UN

# Speaking Fluently

With all the classes offered at Valparaiso High School, the foreign language department was very beneficial to students and had various options to choose from.

"One of the biggest advantages of taking a foreign language is being able to understand different cultures from their points of view," Spanish teacher Mr. Cessna explained.

Although it was not required to take a foreign language, most students studied either Spanish, German, Latin, French, or Japanese to meet core 40 requirements.

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1) Carolyn Engerer studies Spanish on the computer with a new interactive vocabulary review program.

2) Japanese students participate in a traditional activity that consisted of throwing beans to get rid of evil and bring luck while chanting.

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3) Mr. Cessna helps Spanish student Laurie Vaughn with her homework.

## Inside the classroom . . .



Spanish



Spanish



German





## Language

Fourth year French students gather together in Mrs. Virgil's class. The small class consisted of all seniors.

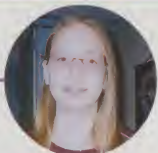


## Why did you decide to take a foreign language?



*"I decided to take German because a lot of my friends were taking it and it was fun in middle school."*

Lindsay Pavell, 05'



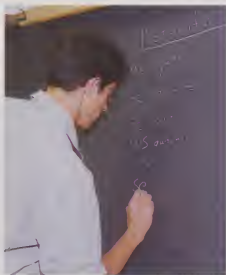
*"My friend and I decided to both take Japanese so we could learn the language and culture together."*

Jessica Binder, 04'



*"I feel that it is important for us, as members of a global community, to strive to understand and be able to communicate with other cultures."*

Ben Potts, 03'



## Spanish

Left: Sam Matias practices writing out verb conjugations on the chalkboard in Spanish class.  
Right: German club officers (L-R) Allison Knauff, Morgan Tillemann, Lukas Grebe. Front row: Deana Hadley, Amanda Ray

## German



# Hoping to Help

Helping Other People Excel was what HOPE club was all about. There were about 25 members that participated this year. This club gave people the chance to hang out, and have fun.

Did you know that you were probably a part of the Earth Awareness Club? Anyone who recycled became a part of it. EAC had a goal to preserve the earth's natural resources by recycling paper, plastic, glass, and by doing projects around the community. They also enjoyed a canoe trip, beach clean-ups, camping, and hiking.

The multicultural club was a diverse group of students that met every third Wednesday to understand and respect people of different backgrounds. There were about 20 students in it, and anyone could be involved. The group had diversity exchanges, discussions, and they presented skits to elementary students.

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1) Senior Alesha Thompson and junior Brandon Thomas participate in a group exchange at Merrillville High.

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2) The HOPE club ventured out again for a good time at Fazoli's

3) Members of the EAC worked hard to save the earth by recycling every Thursday after school.

## Inside the meetings . . .



HOPE Club



Multicultural Club



Multicultural Club



## Multicultural Club

Members of the multicultural club gathered together after one of their meetings. One of the highlights of this program was the exchange that the members did with other local schools. Meeting two times a month, the club covered many diverse issues and learned to respect other people's backgrounds. This club helped to promote diversity at elementary school levels.

## What was your favorite part about being in your club?



*"I enjoyed having guest speakers come into our classes. We actually had someone from China come in and they talked about their culture."* -

Dominique Bartee 04'



*"I love the fact that I got to meet new friends, chill out, and oh yeah....have FUN!"* -

Zachary McConnell 04'



*"I've always been involved with environmental issues and enjoy outdoor wilderness adventures. This club allows me to work with young people who share the same interest."* -

David Kenning, sponsor



## HOPE

Left: Members of the HOPE club pose after eating out. This was just one of the many activities planned by the club. Right: The EAC picked up the recycled goods from every class room every Thursday of each week.



## EAC

# Staying in Style

There were many classes that one could take to keep in shape or get into style during high school. During health class, one learned about nutrition and how the human body worked.

To stay in shape, students could take weightlifting, swimming or other physical education classes. This gave the students opportunities to perform daily exercises and a chance to build muscle.

During sewing class, one could make their own clothes and learn about new fashions and budgeting. This built imagination as students got to design and produce their own clothes.



1) While stretching his lower body, junior Joey Catrino works his abs and back.

2) During bench presses, junior Kyle Miney builds even more strength in his upper body.

3) Sophomore Zac Robinson works his biceps by arm curls in weight lifting class.

## Working out . . .



Sewing



Health Class



Sewing





HeAlth w/ Hoffman

Sophomores Lauren Hall, Ashley Glaser, and Dani Heuring work on a group assignment for Mr. Hoffman's health class. The required semester course was designed to meet the health education graduation requirement for the state of Indiana.

## What's your favorite part of class?



*"My favorite part of the class was making whatever you wanted even though I didn't like anything I made."*

Katie Salan, 04'



*"The best part was that you could talk and have a good time while you were sewing."*

Abigail Staub, 05'



*"My favorite project was when we had to call all of the pizza places on the northside of town and compare prices."*

Sharie Schafer, 05'

During sewing class, student projects ranged from tee shirts to boxer shorts. Students were given a few weeks to complete their projects after they picked out their styles and fabric.

SEwING



# Helping naturally!

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything."

-Muhammad Ali

Throughout high school one finds themselves interacting with the same group of friends. Being chosen for natural helpers, among many things gives one the opportunity to meet new people that you normally wouldn't socialize with. At the beginning of every year, juniors and seniors were asked to fill out a form nominating three people they felt they would be able to trust and get help from for a problem. These nominations were taken and the students who were nominated were then asked to go on a three day retreat where they learned such things as leadership, how to manage time, and how to help peers deal with all kinds of problems. Being chosen for natural helpers was considered to be a great honor. Only about 200 students got to attend this amazing weekend.

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1) Senior Meghan Glaser leads Jessica Marquez on a trust walk during quest class.

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2) During their 'long hike, natural helper retreatents stop on the bridge for a quick snap-shot.

3) Katie Ziegler, Dave Mathas, Katie Myers, and Emily Garritson, take a second to pose for a picture.

Inside the retreat. . .



Blue Group



Fall Retreat



Orange Group



## appreciate

Members of the winter retreat try to stay warm as they hike through the rugged terrain. This year the retreat was moved from Turkey Run to Camp Tecumseh.



just say it...



*"Natural helpers can be the best days of your life, and it teaches you how to make any other day the best day in somebody else's life."*

Olivia Gingrich, 04'



*"Natural helpers gave me a new appreciation for all the important people in my life."*

Katie Ziegler, 03'



*"Can you hear me now... GOOD! Being on staff was a great honor. I got to meet and know a lot of cool people. 9:20 4-eva."*

Charlena Dan, 03'



## Cuddle

Left: Seniors Katie Pritchett and Aaron Moore smile while he showcases his musical talent. Right: Junior Anthony Balbo and retreat facilitator Stephanie Bryan take advantage of the cocoa during a break.

## smile



# The Elite Beat

The women's, men's, and mixed chorus had another busy year. Beginning with the 'fall fantasia' concert that brought in a sold out show.

Director of fourteen years, Mrs. Schonabachler stated, "Choir helped further the students singing careers because they learned to read music, develop their range, and they had the opportunity to have private lessons." Most of the work was done during class hours except for their performances such as: 'Fall Fantasia', 'This is our Story', and 'Serenade to Spring'. Schonabachler added that her favorite concert was in the spring because the group was most developed.

Another part of the mixed women's and men's chorus was the entering of ISSMA. Schonabachler required everyone to participate in some way.

For the mixed chorus, there was no audition required, but for the men's and women's chorus there was an audition that included being able to sight read, pass advanced skills, and maintain an "A" average in mixed chorus.

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1) The mixed chorus practices before the *fall fantasia* concert.

2) Mrs. Schonabachler instructs the women's chorus.

3) The mixed chorus practices one last time before the fall concert.

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## Inside the choir...



Mixed Chorus



Women's Chorus



Men's Chorus





Women's Chorus

## WOMEN'S CHORUS

Row one: (L-R) Kari Chael, Lauren Thomas, Marissa Hansell. Row two: (L-R) Emily Stark, Emily Rogers, Sarah Beigh, Lindy Dobbins, Erica Fishcher, Jessica Bucks, Julie Wisner, Britta Nyborg, Heidi O'Hara, Lauren Taylor, Crystal Handing, Marissa Taylor, Megan Revette. Row three: (L-R) Kaitlyn Keaby, Katie Scherschel, Alyie Kupsis, Jennifer Swanger, Anna Kispert, Laurie Vaughn, Rachel Santay, Katie Weeks, Katie Simpson, Melissa Springs, Kristen Skinner, Alex Rosenbaum, Becky Crumppacker, Laura Wheat, Beth Maack, Laura Hill.

## Who is your favorite singer?



*"It's got to be Stephen Jenkins, the lead singer of Third Eye Blind. His Lyrics have so much meaning and power to them."*

Chris Wasielewski, 03'



*"Faith Hill because she's a fantastic singer and a sweet lady."*

Lauren Taylor, 04'



*"Mariah Carey because she actually has a good voice unlike some of the other popular singers today."*

Christine Brown,



Men's Chorus

## MENS CHORUS

Row one: (L-R) Chris Wasielewski, Pat Yokovich, Ben Cunningham, Damon Goodrich-Houska. Row two: (L-R) Marc Garza, Tim Hennessy, Robert Dumerant, Andy Shaw, Josh Earhart, David Coison, David Stuck. Row three: (L-R) Leon Garrison, Bill Cross, Brad Wanek, John Thyen, Jason Heroldt, Craig Con, Dave Cross, Zach Neil.

Mixed Chorus



## MIXED CHORUS

Row one: (L-R) Lisi Weller, Diana Esparza, Lorie Weller, Holly Wiergen, Kristin Brown, Steve Duack, Sam Khoury, Nikki Martin, Kristen Brown, Robyn Mihal, Rakei Kingsland, Kara Maclean. Row two: (L-R) Mrs. Shepard, Kelsey Eichelberg, Jenny Revers, Amanda Thomas, Rachel Martin, Emily Beas, Hannah Grossnickle, Stewart Tyler, Chris Ducar, Trina Lumby, Natalie Thomas, Allyson Lodics, Alisha Corriam, Mrs. Schonbuehler. Row Three: (L-R) Angel Reeder, Sara Parker, Stephanie Brooks, Amanda Rogers, Nikka Melendez, Heather Montgomery, Virgil Dickson, Jason Campbell, Derek Ellis, Sam McKinley, Katelyn Clauson, Kathryn Ripley, Rhian Blisko, Fwy Cannon. Row four: (L-R) Lexani St. John, Tara Davis, Makeline Foster, Kelly Linder, Belinda Fichellberg, Amber Reynard, Lindsay Papko, Megan Norman, Samantha Townsley, Lindsay Cornell, Holly Pope, Sarah Marciniak, Diane Hardin.

# Great People, Great Talent

"You cannot create something from nothing," explained Linda Schonbachler, director of the varsity singers and the concert choir. The members of the two performing groups put in a great deal of practice during and after school. Skills utilized included: reading music, memorizing dance moves, and developing their musical capacity.

Concert choir had sixty-eight members and Varsity Singers had thirty members. The Varsity Singers put in a lot of time for their performances and they got ideas for their dances from show choir camps, guest choreographers, and their own ideas. Some goals this year for the two choirs were to perform the best music they could, making memories, and entertaining their audiences. "Great desire, hardwork, getting along well, good work ethic, and talented students," says Schonbachler are things that have gotten the two choirs far in competition. Concert Choir placed second in the state competition.



1) Mandy Wilczynski, Ben Cunningham, and Betsy Wonsetler announce their next song. All three have been involved in varsity singers and concert choir for the past three years.

2) During a varsity singers performance, Betsy Wonsetler, Drew Nellessen, Amanda Krupinski, and Damon Goodrich-Houska dance together.

3) At the fall fantasia performance, sophomores Abby Staub and Marc Garza of varsity singers sing a duet.

## Inside the performances...



Julia Moracy and Levi Cowser



Concert Choir



Varsity Singers



## VARSITY SINGERS

### VARSITY SINGERS

Row one couples (L-R): Robin Yim & Julia Monacy, Tim Westforth & Mandy Wilczynski, Drew Nellessen & Betsy Wonsetler, Neil Davey & Colleen Casey, Marc Garza & Amy Eichelberg. Row two: Ricky Ringer & Lindsay Carlson, Steve Howell & Heidi McMahan, Pat Yokovich & Brianna Addis, Michael Linert & Megan Demory, Adam Cronk & Brittany Nondorf, Damon Goodrich-Houska & Abby Staub, Ben Cunningham & Libby Byrum. Row three: Claire Kaup & Derek Eilts, Amanda Krupinski.

What is your favorite part of varsity singers/concert choir?



*"I love singing, it's my favorite thing to do and I have so many good friends in Varsity Singers and Concert Choir."*

Brianna Addis, 04'



*"My favorite part about Varsity Singers is making people happy. We touch a lot of people and make them smile, it's great."*

Drew Nellessen, 03'



*"Varsity singers is such a good experience especially because of the great people and talent. I've made so many friends this year."*

Libby Byrum, 04'

### CONCERT CHOIR

Seated (L-R): Drew Nellessen, Betsy Wonsetler, Ben Cunningham, Mandy Wilczynski, Clair Kaup, Libby Byrum. Row two: Heidi McMahan, Ryanina Tressler, Ashlee White, Abby Staub, Robin Yim, Ricky Ringer, Tim Westforth, Marc Garza, Megan DeMory, Tara Beverly, Neena Phadke, Lindsay Carlson, Julia Monacy. Row three: Mrs. Hazen, Kim Carter, Elise Migno, Randah Atassi, Danielle Odor, Amanda Krupinski, Michael Linert, Bill Cross, Jared Earhart, Steve Horell, Jamie Patti, Danielle Nunnally, Amy Eichelberg, Rachelle Stegelder, Mrs. Schonbachler. Row four: Crystal Jautier, Noel Thompson, Brittany Nondorf, Jessica Fisel, Carolyn Hahn, Emily Brown, Kevin Spoolstra, Derek Eilts, Brett Lundgren, Damon Goodrich-Houska, Adam Cronk, Abby Schmidt, Kelly McGowan, Breanne Pynaikker. Row five: Brianna Addis, Casha Arzola, Callie Kardos, Emily Garrison, Erin Eickleberry, Miranda McCage, Stephanie Swets, Brittany Allen, Micah Moore, Tony Tratar, Ben Turk, Pat Yokovich, Neil Davey, Danielle Zale, Colleen Casey, Michelle Maynard.

## CONCERT CHOIR



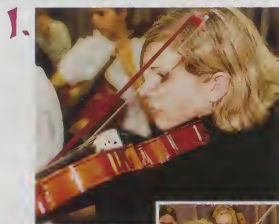
# Tuning In

"Orchestra has been an awesome experience for me. Mr. Kopf just made the atmosphere so much fun," stated junior Heather Woodstrum. The orchestra placed third in the state competition held in the spring.

"I wouldn't be able to imagine this without him. He taught us all so much!" explained senior Katie Abel.

Students could choose from a variety of instruments ranging from the violin and viola to the cello and bass. Led by officers president Claire Kaup, Vice president Katie Abel, and secretary Kevin Ludwig, the orchestra had 13 soloists and 10 different ensembles (comprised of 37 individuals) make it to the state level.

"Seventy nine percent of the students received superior ratings," explained Kopf.



1) Senior Sarah Phillips rehearses with the chamber orchestra. Phillips participated in orchestra for four years while at VHS.



2) Orchestra director Mr. Kopf prepares both orchestras for performances and competitions.

3) The orchestra tunes up their strings before an intense practice.

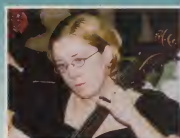
## The real deal...



Mollie Knox



Chamber Orchestra



Erica Fischer





## Concert Orchestra

### CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Row one: (L-R) Brandon Tran, Jason Copeland, Ken Long, Matt Jadrnak, Paige Thompson, Emily Barry, Bill Allen, Megan McGarth  
Row two: Sarah Phillips, Nikke Ault, Katie Horan, Joe Price, Alex Costakis, Josh Boynton  
Row three: Andy Barton, Michelle Phelps, Katie Slack, Samantha Seeger, Katie Rader, Katie Franz, Kaitlyn Cook, Celina Mayrosh, Brittany Alyea, Angela Fitzgerald, Jessie Grskovic, Sam Price, Andy Reich, Lisa Fitzgerald  
Row four: Shawn Barnes, Jenna Perry, Michelle Lang, Heidi Ohara, Stacey McGuirl, Sabrina Kunz, Smita Das, Marissa Flynn, Mrs. Galbiati, Ryan Raelson, Ashley Hoffman, Mike Mullen, Nathan Jones, Josh Allen, Sarah Lindsey, Jon Chen, Justin Schafer  
Not pictured: Anna Mangel, Emily Phillips, Daphanie Cramsie.

## Why is orchestra important to you?



*"I look forward to orchestra not only because I love to play, but the people in there are so amazing."*

Rachel Kenis, 04'



*"This has been a way for me to express myself in new ways."*

Josh Boynton, 04'



*"Orchestra has exposed me to wonderful and technically difficult pieces I would have never played otherwise. Besides, Mr. Kopf is my hero."*

Claire Kaup, 03'

### CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Row one: (L-R) Michael Linert, Erin Leland, Robin Yim, Erica Fischer, Kevin Ludwig, Molly McGowan, Nora Vail, Claire Kaup  
Row two: Kelly McGowan, Sarah Phillips, Jena Corros, Adam Cronk, Mike Bianco, Stephen Howell  
Row three: Ruth Foelber, Jennifer Clarke, Josie Virgil, Cassandra Tran, Sarah Cheatham, Marel Wandasiewicz, Alexa Kukulies, Alecia Ellenbeger, Perrine Marcenac, Kristyn Dimitroff, Heather Wickstrom, Malanna Tressler, Brett Townsend  
Row four: Austin Yim, Autumn Hunt, Shawna Kennedy, Dorrie Blando, Mike Ghilardi, Courtney Blomquist, Allison Neuberg, Rachel Kenis, Sarah Swinehart  
Not pictured:

## Chamber Orchestra



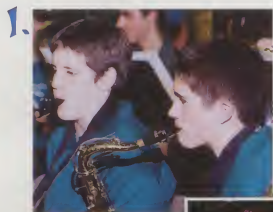
Stephanie Jakich, Mr. Tim Kopf.

# Feel the beat

The transition of playing in the eighth grade band to becoming a part of the high school band dynasty can be quite an experience. More than anybody, the experience was felt by the band directors.

Mr. Pritchett said the reason he kept coming back each year to direct was because of the band members. He missed them and they kept him motivated and "young." Every year, freshmen came in and with their hard work they moved up through the concert and symphonic bands. Throughout the year, they performed and worked to their full potential at the concert and contests.

Participating in fundraisers was also a major part of being in the bands. Between selling tickets for the ham dinner, to selling concessions at football games, and I.S.S.M.A. contests, the students helped out the band by earning money. The biggest goal of the directors was summed up by head director Mr. Prichett "Try to challenge the bands to their highest potential...all the bands," stated the director.



1) Freshmen Emily Fortener and Chris Minissale perform on their saxophones at *This is Our Story*.

2) At this year's annual holiday concert, sophomore Tami Kearns plays her flute.

3) Freshmen John Dougherty and Jeff Jensen play for the fan's enjoyment during the boys' basketball game, at half-time.

## Performing at Concerts ...



*This is our Story*



Symphonic Band



*This is our Story*



## CONCERT BAND

### CONCERT BAND

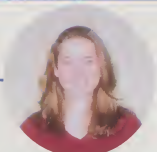
Row one (L-R): Sarah Surber, Monica Idstien, Mary Kozella, Emmeline Mayue, Beth Scannell, Sarah Albers, Erica Ruschke, Leah Bess, Jill Demorotsky, Shawna Crookins. Row two (L-R): Ashley Naramore, Madeline Foster, Julia Wandlowski, Katherine Hostetler, Kirsten Ellison, Jane Bowker, Jill McMillan, Matt Kennedy, Aaron Brown, Jessica Lisak, Jeff Jensen, Alexander Andreyevich, John Daugherty, Ian Kennedy, Kevin Vail, Eric Culvert, Zach Urbair, Loman Fox. Row three (L-R): Shashika Stanislaus, Elizabeth Boyce, Kaitlyn Williams, Dustin Price, Ben Keris, Andrew Gauld, Jason Huggins, Andrew Schmick, Tom Caggins, David Dravinskis, Marvin Kilian, Nick Kelley, Grace Surberland, Chris Minnisale, Emily Fortner, Sean Cunningham, Evan Witters, Kyle Hittinger, Mr. Ditchett. Row four (L-R): Andy Baker, Ed Garwick, Jamie Smith, Adam Ewing, Kathy Dehring, Jen Marshall, Kim Schroeder, Danny Livachuk, James Winter, William Howell, Christian Owen, Michael Tilleman, Michael Moran. Row five (L-R): Mr. Rosario-Vega, Rajin Pithadia, Ryan Pouq, Phillip Rodenbeck, John VanVlier, Mike Hammond, Michelle Moore, Seneka Ratnayake, Mike Scott, Carolyn Engerer, Jackie Hogan, Sam Grossnickle, Eric Allen, Kenny Lipscomb, Tom Blythe, Jeff Shapiro, Hunter VanHouter, Sheldon Alt.

## What is your favorite part about band?



*"Mr. Rosario is very funny, he makes the class really enjoyable."*

Beth Scannell, 06'



*"I love all of the new friends that I have made, and the music is really fun."*

Tami Kearns, 05'



*"It is fun to learn the music, and meet new people through music."*

Loman Fox, 06'

### SYMPHONIC BAND

Row one (L-R): Elizabeth Peruski, Chelsea Nix, Kirsten Reinhold, Laura Breen, Tami Kearns, Francesca Johnson, Rebecca Wells, Baron Saterbak, Jillian Blakley. Row two (L-R): Sarah Rodenbarger, Rebekah Kretzmann, Daniel Roselot, David Conison, Elise Snell, Brian Hughes, Mary Fagg, Jennifer Crabtree, Jason Vogelpohl, Brad Horn, Nick Puncu, Geoff Kolodziej, Ryan Niketh, Tony Earhart, Andrew Goldschmidt, Alex Urban. Row three (L-R): Colleen Barry, Andrew Sharpe, Mari McKanna, Valerie Logsdon, Rachel Kretzmann, Jonathan Ufer, Caitlin Malone, Wyatt Clarke, Katie Foxness, James Hackett, Nate Loden, Luke Grebe, Alex Donkle. Row four (L-R): Mr. Rosario, Kristine Clark, Chris Demorotsky, Megan Simerlein, Mr. Pritchett.

## SYMPHONIC BAND



# Working Together!

Band directors Dan Pritchett and Miguel Rosario-Vega asked their students to do their best everyday and the students attempted to fulfill their wishes. The band members played in many performances including half-time highlights, Indiana State School Music Association contest, the May Band Festival, spring concert, winter concert, and pep band. "Practice, practice, it was the only way to get better," said Pritchett.

A and B Bands had exceptional sight-reading abilities this year, and that was one of the things Pritchett looked forward to everyday.

The "A" Band was the 2003 Indiana State Champion Concert Band.

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1) "A" band members perform during the half-time of a home football game.

2) Senior "A" Band members Megan Porter and Zack Carter, march down Lincolnway in the annual Popcorn Parade.

3.



3) "B" Band members Sarah Naramore, Julie Martz, and Megan Geissler play in the pep band at one of the basketball games.

## Inside the practices. . .



Laura Williams and Kyle Granat



Michelle Johnson &  
Kristen Bansbach



Miguel Rosario-Vega  
and Brian Schimpf





## "A" BAND

### "A" Band

Row one (L-R): Lindsay Mullins, Allison Knauff, Josh Hanson, Julie Weiss, Caitlin Ufer, Julie Becka, Katie Bortel, Meghan Kirkpatrick, Leslie Rietveld, Diana Walker. Row two: Sarah Walker, Althea Acosta, Deana Hadley, Jennifer Keller, Megan Wilson, Lindsay Moldstad, Cassie Wells, Siobhan Casey, Marion Marcenac, Martha Schwehn, Christina Bess, Kate Robinson, Amy Fortener, Stephanie Young, Anne Sutherland, John Schwehn, Michael Caristi. Row three: Shannon Shapiro, Megan DeVory, Aleks Karjaka, Derek Meilander, Mary Kubiszuk, Josh Smock, Amanda Ray, Will Hurst, Zack Carter, Megan Porter, Philip Martin, Jordan Gray, John Coggins, Brian Calvert, Morgan Tillemann. Row four: Elliot Dickinson, Eric Schoening, Nikki Wright, Carolyn Hohn, Katie Pritchett, Kelly Patterson, Johanna Rubsam, Tom Benton, Sam Stoner, Brittany Morgan, Derek Thomas. Row five: Assistant Director Miguel Rosario-Vega, Dan Owen, Tyler Miller, Katie Jankowski, Jason Campbell, Margie Michra, Ben Gavelek, Ryan VanCleaf, Ben Potts, Josh Pritchett, Director Daniel Pritchett.

## What is your favorite instrument and why?



*"Percussion, it adds so much character to a song."*

Julia Monacy, 04'



*"My favorite instrument to play is the trumpet. It's awesome!"*

Kelly Patterson, 03'



*"A symphonic orchestra is an instrument, because everyone has to work together."*

Tom Benton, 03'

### "B" Band

Row one (L-R): Allissa Spelde, Sara Naramore, Maureen McShane, Cassie Chester, Holly Coatsalonia, Brandi Usher, Julia Monacy, Dana Majewski, Kyle Lee Andrews. Row two: Julie Martz, Matt Hammond, Jamie Koch, Megan Geissler, Lauren Baker, Hilary Ostifinski, Jena Vaughn, Emily Brown, Laura Engerer, Jackie Mceller, Kellie Watkins, Kevin Spoolstra, Elise Magno, Jessie Wheeland, Anna Bremer, Kyle Granat, Lydia Karjaka. Row three: Kyle Markovich, Chris Smith, Laura Williams, John Fields, Kyle Price, Michelle Johnson, Kristen Banschbach, Andrew Whitehead, Erin Ennes, Myles Clarke. Row four: Pat Burnell, Ryan Fleming, Brian Schimpf, Elliot Fortin, Brian Kelly, Brad Martz, Andrew Lind, Jonathan Reinert, Jessica Howell, Scott Izynski, Sam Matias, Ben Turk. Row five: Assistant Director Miguel Rosario-Vega, Aaron Vincel, Nick Armellino, Ernie Hasselbring, Robert Witters, Bill Neff, Michael Westfall, Bryan Carr, Matt Turk, Director Daniel Pritchett.

## "B" BAND



# Fleet with the beat

A tap of the foot, a blast of the trumpet, and away they went!! The VHS jazz bands, which included lab band, studio band, and Jazz Ensemble were "definitely some of the most energetic bands around" according to Mr. Dan Pritchett. Each band was made of mixed grades, however the jazz ensemble was mainly juniors and seniors. All three bands competed in the Indiana State Music Association Jazz contests, and the Purdue Jazz Festival. This year studio band came away from the Purdue Jazz festival with top honors. Each band also participated in the annual Jazz Band dance, held at VHS.

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2.



1) Junior Jon Reinert enjoys playing a song during the annual Big Band Dance  
2) After taking a quick break, sophomore Ernie Haslebring watches his director for the cue.

3.



3) The jazz ensemble plays during the annual Jazz Band Dance which was held on February 8, in the VHS cafeteria from 8 pm to 11 pm.

## Inside the practices. . .



John Van Vilet



Ben Cavelek



Alex Donkle



## Studio Band

**Saxophone:** Derek Milander, Laura Williams, Kyle Markovich, Jason Vogelpohl, Lydia Karjaka, Diana Walker Allison Knauff, Sara Naramore, Dean Cunningham.

**Trumpet:** Brad Martz, Mike Hammond, Jen Marshall, Mari McKanna, Jackie Moeller, Kellie Watkins.

**Trombone:** Johana Rubsam, Kevin Spoolstra, Scott Izynski, Jon Ufer, Wyatt Clarke.

**Tuba:** Matt Turk

**Piano:** Ben Malone, Ashton Kleemon, **Bass:** Jason Rothenberger,

**Guitar:** Josh Pritchett

**Drums/Percussion:** Jon Reinert, Aaron Vincel, Michael Westfall.

## What is your favorite Jazz Song?



*"My favorite song is  
Time After Time."*

Tom Benton, 03'



*"My favorite song  
is Sing, Sang  
Sung."*

Derek Meilaender, 03'



*"My favorite song  
is Memory."*

Kellie Watkins '05

**Saxophone:** Ben Kenis, Andrew Gambel, Brad Horn, Nick Puaca, Ashley Naramore, Shannon Shapiro, Chris Minisale, Jane Bowker.

**Trumpet:** Brian Schimpf, John VanVilet, Kathy Dehring, Alex Andrejevich.

**Trombone:** Kevin Spoolstra, Caitlin Malone, Michael Moran, Katie Fodness, Ben Turk.

**Tuba:** Alex Donkle

**Piano:** Diana Walker, Emily Brown, **Bass:** Jason Copeland, Ken Long. **Drums/Percussion:** Ben Gavelek, Kenny Lipscomb

## Lab Band



# Keeping the Spirit

During all high school games, tournaments, and matches, there were two groups of girls that came to support some of their fellow teams. The cheerleaders and Vikettes tried to keep the crowd enthusiastic and positive when teams were not playing. Vikettes choreographed and practiced dances that were performed at nearly every football and basketball game at halftime.

To prepare over the summer, the cheerleaders attended a UCA cheer camp at IU. They were awarded the Leadership award, the Spirit award, and Best home dance award.

Both groups practiced often during each week to make every game enjoyable during the football and basketball seasons.

1.



2.



1) Flyer -Heather Plathow motivates the basketball fans while on top of the stunt.

2) Captain Amy Bowman and Co-captains Meghan Glaser and Jackie Scuderi lead the squad in a chant

3) The Vikettes lock arms and kick in a circle as they dance at the halftime show.

3.



## Inside the games. . .



Lindsay Stout



Jill Bennet and Nicole Nuzzo



Color Guard





## Vikeettes

### VIKETTES

Row one: (L-R) Jennifer Lindburg, Amy Eichelberg, Rachel Bonich, Lauren Hyde, Molly Evans, Jena Perry, Jessica Bucks. Row two: (L-R) Dana Bretz, Stephanie Sharp, Lindsay Gough, Alyssa Sharp, Betsy Wonsetler, Meghan Kirkpatrick, Colleen Casey, Cami Kern, Lauren Johnson, Cara Kern. Row three: (L-R) Chelsea Nix, Mari McKanna, Sarah Passaro, Jamie Koch, Katie Horne, Julia Groves, Krystina Irzyk, Lindsay Mullens, Neena Phadke. Row four: (L-R) Jenna Saltonovitz, Lindsey Stout, Kelly Goffiney, Lindsay Pavell, Erin Eickelberry, Kara Streller, Jessica Townsley, Christina Jamison, Amanda Krupinski

## What is your favorite Cheerleading Vikeettes memory...



*"My favorite memory is rapping with Mallarie and Michelle during games. Being a part of this team was a great way to end my senior year."*

*Eye, 03'*



*"My favorite memory of Vikeettes was summer camp because we all became really close and the friendships were strengthened."*

*Meghan Kirkpatrick, 03'*



*"My favorite memory this year was senior night at summer camp. Our underclassmen, coaches, and moms made us all feel like princesses."*

*Amy Bowman, 03'*

## Varsity



### VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Row one: (L-R) Megan Caldwell, Jackie Scuderi, Amy Bowman, Meghan Glaser. Row two: (L-R) Heather Plothow, Erica Boys, Mallarie Mullen, Jill Bennet, Nicole Nuzzo. Row three: (L-R) Coach Collins, Michelle Sullivan, Miranda McCage, Kelsey Hupp, Sarah LaRosa, Coach Stephanie Bryan



### JV CHEERLEADING

Row one: (L-R) Molly Colosino, Danielle Mouch. Row two: (L-R) Carrie Ann Kennedy, Hillary Swardson, Vanessa Norman, Angie Moneski. Row three: (L-R) Coach Collins, Coach Bryan

## Junior Varsity

# A PAR-fect Season



*"This season was a lot of fun, the team was a lot closer than it has ever been before. Oh, and one more thing GSA."*

-Kate Kozelka, 03



*"The team is quite close. It seems everyone has at least one or two inside jokes with each other."*

-Lindsay Arndt, 04

Swinging FORE-word

Accomplishing all their goals, the girls golf team had another successful season. The girls managed to have fun and get along with everyone while they learned more about golf.

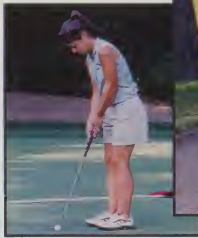
The varsity team finished with a 9-0 record and 7-0 in the conference. The JV team finished with a 9-2 record and was 6-1 in the conference.

"The season highlights were winning conference, sectionals and finishing 15th out of 300 teams at state," stated head coach John Knauff.

Practices were held everyday at the Valparaiso Country Club. The girl's practices usually consisted of hitting from the driving range, practicing chipping and putting, or playing 9 holes.

According to Danielle Swacker, "The team's rituals were wearing green and white socks, eating tons of food and laughing A LOT!"

All the girls agreed that this was one of their best seasons ever.



(Left to Right)

1. Junior Ashley Burgess puts the ball in the hole. Burgess was on the golf team for the past three years.
2. Junior Lindsay Arndt hits out of the sand. Arndt focused a lot on her shorter game this year.
3. Freshman Kate Larson swings for the green.
4. Junior Rachael Bonich walks to her next shot. Bonich was on the team for the past three years.

# COACH PROFILE

Mr. Knauff- Head Coach



Head coach John Knauff has coached girls golf for the past five years. Knauff had three main rules for his girls 1. Have fun 2. Get along with every one. 3. Learn more about golf.



Senior Kate Kozelka discusses her next shot with Coach Schwerdt.

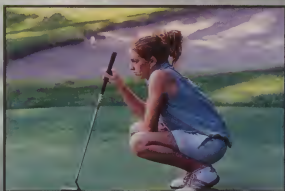


Head coach John Knauff and assistant coach Randy Schwerdt watch their players putt to victory.



Junior Brittney Nondorf chips onto the green.

Lauren Bryan lines up her shot. Bryan was a freshman playing varsity.



**GIRLS JV AND VARSITY GOLF**  
Row one (L-R) Lauren Bryan, Emily Brown, Rachael Bonich, Elizabeth Schroeder, Kate Larson, Ashley Burgess, Lindsay Arridt Row two (L-R) Head Coach John Knauff, Sara Naramore, Kate Kozelka, Ashley Naramore, Danielle Swacker, Brittney Nondorf, Amy Fickens, Mary Kozelka, Assistant Coach Randy Schwerdt



## Girls Golf

Viking Inv.	5th
KV Inv.	1st
Reneeclan Inv.	3rd
Plymouth Inv.	3rd
New France Inv.	2nd
Marquette Inv.	2nd
Munster	W
Culver	W
DAC Inv.	2nd
Crown Point	W
Portage	W
ICGSA Hall of Fame	8th
LaPorte	W
Chesterton	W
Merrillville	W
Michigan City	W
Pat Ford Inv.	2nd
Lake Central	W
Hobart	W
Andean	W
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	3rd
State	15th

# Hi-five

Boys' cross country place in the top 5 at state



*"This was my first year on the team and it was an honor to be able to run with the talent that we had this year."*

-Tim Hennessy, 06



*"This season was the best of my four years in cross country. Everyone came together as a team, worked hard, and enjoyed our time together."*

-Chuck Sizem, 03

Headed for State

"There are only 6 cross country teams in Valpo history that have won semi-state championships and a 5th place finish at state to top that off. I think that says a lot about this team," commented Coach Polizotto.

This year the boys' cross country team really pulled together to make a comeback. With the loss of 3 main seniors, the boys had their work cut out for them. To prepare for the season, they committed themselves to running before and afterschool, seven days a week, roughly 12 miles a day. Even with some obstacles during their season they still achieved a lot due to pure dedication and hard work. They also had 2 seniors place in the top 15 at state. Jeff Kent placed 5th and Andrew Jeha placed 12th. Their fifth place state finish set the pace for returning runners and new comers.



(Left to Right)

1. Freshman Joseph Sirokie cools himself off with a towel after a long run.
2. Freshman Nathan Wendrickx puts on a runner's face as he runs through the last stretch of the race.
3. Junior Ben Sundy tries to catch his breath after sprinting through the finish line.
4. Seniors Christian Tabib and Gavin Henderson finish strong till the end of their race. "It was great how we all worked together as a team and not as individuals," Tabib said.



# COACH PROFILE

## Mr. Polizotto- Coach

Brett Polizotto has been coaching boys cross country for 9 years. His senior year at VHS he placed 2nd at state and received the prestigious Mental Attitude Award. He enjoys teaching the idea of hard work to the boys.



The team gathers together by the starting line just moments before the race. Before each meet, the team would put their hands in a huddle for good luck.



Senior Jeff Kent dominated the team this year as the top runner and was a main leader. Kent placed 5th at state.



The top six runners show their team strength and depth by running in a pack together at a race.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Row one: (L-R) Kevin Nuppon, Andrew Barton, Christian Owen, William Ryan, Joseph Sirokic, Jeff Jensen, Tim Hennessy Row two: (L-R) Matthew Conedera, Ryan Fleming, Matt Manolakis, John Dougherty, Andrew Jehu, Mark Kalmbach, Andrew Rosene, Phillip Martin, Gavin Henderson, Head Coach Mike Prow Row three: (L-R) Steven Schmidt, Scott Petersohn, Daniel Watts, Andrew Kantroski, Dan Owen, Tim VanLaan, Alexander Costello, Charles Strom, Nathan Wernicke.



Senior Andrew Jehu runs with exuberance during the race. Jehu was the #2 runner for the team and placed 12th at state.



The boys jog a mile for their warm up before each meet. Each race was approximately 3.1 miles.

## X-Country

MC Marquette/Wheeler	W
Chesterton/Laf. Jeff	L
Kouts/Roosevelt	W
Pike Invite	W
M.City/Crown Point	W
Rensselaer Invite	W
Lake Central	W
New Prairie Invite	W
Laforte/M'Ville	W
Culver Invite	W
Portage/Hobart	W
Hobart Invite	W
DAC	1st
Sectional	1st
Regional	1st
Semi-State	1st
State	5th

# Glide through the competition

## Quotes



*"Winning Culver was a big turning point for us. It showed us what we could do when we have our hearts in it."*

-Julie Martz, 04'



*"This was my first year running and it was one of the most amazing experiences of my high school career."*

-Ashley Hall, 03'

## Endurance

After overcoming many challenging obstacles, the Valpo girls' cross country team worked to their full potential during their post-season.

"Injuries and illness greatly affected the team this past season, but we managed to pull it all together in the end," explained head coach Karen DeVries. Two of the teams All-State runners from last year Julie Martz and Danielle Nunnelly worked all season to keep up with Rachael Marchand.

"It's hard when you feel like you are running as hard as you can and you still are not doing as well as you yourself know you can," explained Nunnelly. Marchand accompanied by junior Lisa Floran, Nunnelly, Martz, and senior Kristina Gordon led the team to DAC, sectional, regional, semi-state, and state titles. Gordon and Nunnelly were both selected for academic all-state honors.

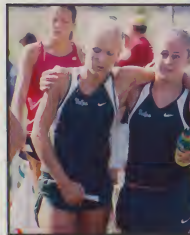
### (Left to Right)

1. After a long hard race, freshman Andrea Kent helps teammate Stephanie Mertz through the finish line.

2. Senior Danielle Nunnelly leads the team to one of their many victories at their home course, Sunset Hill.

3. After racing 2.6 miles and feeling a sense of great accomplishment, freshman Sabrina Pope stretches out her legs.

4. Junior Megan Foreman stretches and focuses on her upcoming race. "You have to have a plan when you go out there and know what you want to do," stated Foreman.



# COACH PROFILE



## Mrs. DeVries-Coach

Karen DeVries is the head coach of the Valpo girls' cross country team. DeVries has been coaching for 15 years. Sportsmanship is important to DeVries. "You have to have good sportsmanship to be respected and you have to give off good sportsmanship to get respect," explained DeVries.



The girls discuss their performance with Coach DeVries after a meet at Sunset Hills.



The top twelve runners from the boys and girls teams pose shortly after winning the DAC title.



After a hard run race, senior Kristina Gordon walks through the finish shoot.

## GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY

Row one: (L-R) Julie Martz, Angie Martin, Andrea Kent, Nikki Martin Row two: (L-R) Coach Karen DeVries, Sabrina Pope, Ashley Connor, Ashley Hall, Lindsey Moldstad, Stephanie Mertz, Danielle Nunnally, Erica Johnson, Kristina Gordon, Assistant coach Mick Gavenaugh Row three: (L-R) Lisa Floran, Shawna Kennedy, Megan Foreman, Elizabeth Peraski, Rachael Marchand, Emily Garrison, Brigitte Brissette, Amy Stipp, Amanda Scully, Sara Hafeez. (Not pictured Elizabeth Pechop)



Juniors Lisa Floran and Julie Martz discuss their thoughts on their individual performances. Shortly after being announced the regional champions, the Valpo girls cross team poses for a picture.



## X-Country

DeKalb	W
Laf. Jeff	W
Koute	W
Thorton	W
M.City	W
N.Prairie	W
LaPorte	W
Portage	W
Culver	W
DAC	1st
Sectional	1st
Regional	1st
Semi-State	1st
State	1st





# Seeking The Score

## JV Football

	VALPO	VISITOR
Penn	12	28
Gary R.	2	0
LaPorte	13	14
M. City	27	0
Chesterton	21	7
Crown Point	7	5
Merrillville	14	6
Portage	28	14
Hobart	26	13

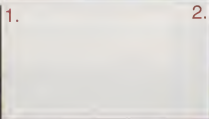
The JV and freshman football teams proved that they would be fierce competitors in the years to come at VHS. Looking at their impressive scoreboards, it was fair to say these two teams would easily be just as successful as the varsity.

The junior varsity football team ended their very season with a record of 7-2. According to Head Coach Herb Hofer, he measured the teams success by the progress they made on and off the field; not only as athletes of course, but also as students. He also felt the most important part of practice was preparing for the game. One of the most important goals of this year's team was to show improvement in each and every player. Besides their very successful season record, the JV team also had a six game winning streak and were JV Conference champions.

The freshman football team struggled through the season but still managed to have four wins. According to head coach James McCall, "Any sport's success is measured by the improvement made both in the skills and sportsmanship areas." If there was one game that proved the team could win not only as individuals but as a team it would be the Crown Point game. "This game was significant because we came from being down to coming back to win it by completing a 2 point conversion," stated Coach McCall.



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(Right to Left)  
1. Junior Trevor Nightengale punts the ball. Nightengale kicked for both the varsity and junior varsity football teams.

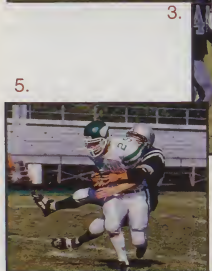
2. Sophomore Collin McShane runs with the ball while fellow teammate Josh Randolph blocks.

3. Junior Drew Bonaventura is congratulated by his fellow teammates after a big play.

4. Junior Wide Receiver Josh Randolph catches the ball for a completion.

5. Sophomore Jeff Brandt runs to avoid being tackled from a Michigan City defender.

6. The junior varsity defense shuts down the Michigan City offense.



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# Back for Seconds



*"Portage and Penn. Portage, just because it's a school Valpo loves to play. Penn, because it's always a good game."*

- Carl Gioia, 03



*"Every team is a big rival; Penn is, however, our greatest opponent."*

- Ben Potts, 03

Rugid



**"B**ack for Seconds." This was the motto of the varsity football team as they continued to provide the audience with edge-of-the-seat performances and victories. Some of these victories included defeating Portage in the sectional and once again proving they were better than Penn in an 16-15 upset at the Viking Field. The team's season ended in the semi-state game with a loss against Ft. Wayne Snider. This years' team were DAC, sectional, and regional champions.

What did this team owe all its success to? "The players bonds and leadership were incredible, which always equaled success," said head coach Mark Hoffman. "It was only a football game, and the most important part of the game was to develop friendships that would last a lifetime," Hoffman stated.

Left to Right-

1. Senior Jeff Samardzija zeroes in for the kill on the Laporte ball carrier.
2. Valpo's defense tackles the Crown Point receiver for a loss.
3. Senior Matt Gast runs over a Laporte defender on his way to a first down.
4. Senior Dan Wiggins celebrates a touchdown while Senior Adrian Demko looks to block.

# COACH PROFILE



## Mr. Hoffman- Head Coach

Coach Mark Hoffman has been coaching for 31 years and has 2 runner-up and one state championship under his belt. He coaches by the quote, "Make the right choices and know your priorities." Coach Hoffman also played football at Andean High School and continued to play at Butler University.



Senior Mike Dorulla takes down a member of the Crown Point football team.



Senior Quarterback Jason Renn drops back to look down field for his receivers including #3 Jeff Samardzija.



The Valparaiso Offense lines up and surveys the defense against Laporte.



### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Row One (L to R) Ryan Kopp, Tommy Renn, Row Two (L to R) Matt Muller, Nicole Scott, Heather Thomas, Sarah Wilson, Megan Lashell, Christa Ann Kennedy, Vanessa Norman, Danielle Mouch, Angie Menich, Row Three (L to R) Mike Lappala, Jon Zupka, Kyle Wolf, Doree Kelly, Aaron Page, Katelyn Cross, and Austin Agnew. Row Four (L to R) Amy Benavente, Chris Stinson, Drew Benavente, Chance Johnson, Taylor Stuchem, Ryan Salvatori, Jordan Cherry, Ryan Lee, Jeremy Paul, Matt Miller, Matt Alvord, Greg Minkins, Dorian Ross, Drew Wiggins, and Zach Robinson. Row Five (L to R) Scott Stinson, Josh Randolph, Ryan Radwan, Andy Beckenburger, Michael Tillman, Tim Patterson, Nick Stinson, Kevin Vail, Ryan Brumber, Brandon Muller, Phil Zahara, Neal McVey, Tim Eiland, Adam Crote, and Erica Ross. Row Six (L to R) Michael Sullivan, Eric Remy, Brandon Cramer, Brad Joyce, Joe Camp, Adam Boring, Bryan Carr, Jeff Brindle, Mike Davis, Bryan Givens, Kellen Mace, Mike Wells, Bill Thomas, Nick Bensch, Mike Loden, Stephanie Zahara, and Bill Bennett. Row Seven (L to R) Josh Stinson, Phil Stuchem, Eric Page, Matt Stopy, Brent Rosenbaum, Mike LaDine, Matt Deady, Carl Hoeber, Sam Cummings, Nick Winkler, Ryan Lashell, Brad Lashell, Kyle Bartholomew, Aaron McMeans, Josh Wernicks, Andrew Whithers, Dr. Callard, Brandy Timms, and Kelley Harg. Row Eight (L to R) Molly Coleman, Rachel Stenger, Kevin Harker, Chris Yarns, Matt Berberly, Ryan Kopp, Zach, Ryan Crote, Tim Hargis, Seth Hargis, Eric Hall, and Coach Adam Stinson. Row Nine (L to R) Matt Stinson, Katelyn Page, Lyle McAttee, Andy McHenry, Matt Johnson, Sam Martin, Steve Hargis, Adrian Dennis, Ben Potts, John Grogan, Matt G. Potts, Ben Turley, Ryan Lashell, Greg VanDusen, Matt Cline, Jeff Samardzija, Mike O'Neill, Phil Wright, and John McLean. Row Ten (L to R) Coach Mark Hoffman, Mr. Vanklepple, Mr. Turpe, Mr. Chatterin, Mr. Kluade, Mr. McCall, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Evans, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Stinson, Mr. T. Ross, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Kruse, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Cox, Mr. Horner, and Mr. Boring.

## Football

	Valpo	Visitors
Penn	7	31
Roosevelt	55	0
Laporte	23	0
Michigan City	55	0
Chesterton	17	10
Crown Point	43	10
Merrillville	35	6
Portage	31	7
Hobart	38	0
Sectional	62	6
Sectional	42	14
Sectional	34	17
Regional	16	15
Semi-State	17	28



# Smashing Season



*"The hardest part of tennis is staying calm, and not losing your cool when you're not playing your best."*

*-Anoop Appannagari, '03'*



*"Tennis is the hardest when you're playing someone who has the same ability as you do, forcing you to fight harder for each and every point."*

*-Parvaz Raa, '03'*

Fast Feet



The tennis team's two hour and forty-five minutes of practice which consisted of serving, returning serves, volleys, overheads, and drills really paid off.

The boys varsity tennis team tied for first with LaPorte and Merrillville in the DAC, and had a season record of 15-3. The junior varsity team had a record of 12-2.

The varsity team was also able to travel to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, for the semi-state competition. The boys were very excited for having made it that far.

Senior Mike Hills said, "I just enjoy the game, teammates, competition, and the whole tennis environment."

According to coach Barthold, the top singles players were Steve Rodich, Kyle Prow, and Phil Mooney.

(Left to Right)

1. Jason Caskell prepares to return the ball to his opponent.
2. Dave Mathas backhands the ball back to the other side of the court. "This year we had a lot of good times. It was a good ending to my years of tennis," Mathas said.
3. Phil Mooney hits a forehand in an attempt to score a point.
4. Seneka Ratnayake goes for an overhead shot. This was Ratnayake's first year on the team.



# COACH PROFILE



Mr. Barthold- Head Coach

Coach Bob Barthold has been coaching the boys' tennis teams for 13 years and he has enjoyed every minute of it. Some of his favorite memories include winning the Highland doubles, winning sectionals and regionals, winning state, and this year's last practice.



Steve Rodlich **refuels** himself during his match. Rodlich has been a top player for the team all four years.



Senior Anoop Appannagari **smashes the ball** over the net. Appannagari has been playing for the varsity team for three years.



Junior Walter Booker **passes the ball** back to his opponent. This was Booker's first year on the **team**.

## BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

Row one (L-R): David Mathias, Kyle Prow, Jason Gaskell, Pawan Rao, Jagann Karsal. Row two (L-R): Head Coach Bob Barthold, Anoop Appannagari, Jordan Heckard, Steve Rodlich, Michael Hills, Imram Hafeez, Josh Hanson, Phil Mooney, Assistant Coach Gary Dixon.



## BOYS JV TENNIS

Row one (L-R): Shashika Stanislaus, Robbie Jones, Sean Calloway, Josh Earhart, Steve Harrison, Rajiv Parthada, David Millsprough, Brad Martz, Andy Reich, Shadman Ahmed, Jeff Threlkeld. Row two (L-R): Head Coach Bob Barthold, Senaka Ratnayake, John Chen, Dan Hilker, Farhan Hafeez, Matt Turk, Brian McMillan, Brett Lakin, Walter Booker, Ben Lawson, Ryan Cunningham, Jared Earhart, Assistant Coach Gary Dixon.



# Tennis

North Judson	W
Marquette	W
Munster	L
Andean	W
Laporte	L
Michigan City	W
Hobart	W
Crown Point	W
Highland Inv.	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
Culver	W
Merrillville	W
Lake Central	W
Highland	W
DAC	W
Semi-State	L

# Kickin' it into Gear



*"Portage is one of my rivals because a bunch of my friends go there and it's fun to rub it in when we win."*

-Ashley Morgan, 04'



*"Cheese (Chesterton) is a big rival of ours, because they're good so we knew it was going to be a tough game."*

-Lauren Holst, 04'

Heads Up

With practices lasting around two hours, the girls often warmed up by running four to five miles. After warm-ups, they would work on different exercises such as finishing, defense, passing, receiving, and chipping. Penalty kicks and sprints were also included in a normal practice.

The varsity team finished the season with a 13-7 record while JV finished with a 10-5 record.

After the girls pre-game run around the field they would sing the *Banana Song* and the *Gopher Girls Song*. April Anderson commented, "We're all pretty close, we did a lot of stuff on the weekends with each other."

The most defensive player award was given to April Anderson. Senior Rachel Tipton was awarded with the mental attitude award.



(Left to Right)

1. Junior goalie Rachel Kuker kicks the ball out of the goal box to one of her teammates.
2. The varsity team participates in a team huddle to review plays.
3. Sophomore Caroline Bertram throws the ball in play from the sideline.
4. Junior Ashley Morgan kicks the ball into the field after a side out.

# COACH PROFILE

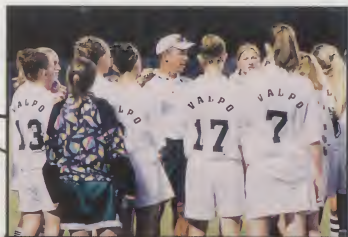


Mr. Whisler- Head Coach

This was coach Michael Whisler's first year as the girls' soccer coach. He coached boys for over 11 years from Valpo Soccer Club, to ODP, to Travel/United and to the high school. He used to play adult soccer for fun.



Sophomore Sarah Rodenbarger dribbles the ball past her opponent.



Head coach Mike Whisler talks to his team about different strategies.



Teammates April Anderson and Erica Humes battle for the ball.

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Row one (L-R) Caroline Betram, Ashley Morgan, Leslie Bryan, Lauren Holst, Lisa Church, Lynsey Marcenee, Rachel Tipton, Sarah Rodenbarger, Rachael Churchard.  
Row Two (L-R) Head Coach Mike Whisler, Lauren Krueger, April Anderson, Laura Hill, Rachel Kiker, Erica Humes, Erin Knauff, Caitlin Malone, Lisa Monroe.



## GIRLS JV SOCCER

Row One: (L-R) Jillian Schafer, Meghan Parks, Mirissa Taylor. Row Two: (L-R) Carolyn Kennedy, Meghan Ryan, Nikki Bene, Katie Sarkisian, Audrey King, Brytany Pyle, Jenna Gudmundson. Row Three: (L-R) Head Coach Ashley Harrison, Caitlin Weeks, Kyle Lee, Andrews, Sarah Kepa, Holly Sontag, Perrine Marcenee, Kathryn Ripley.



# Soccer

	VALPO	VISITOR
Lafayette Jeff.	6	2
Lake Central	0	3
Chesterton	1	2
Michigan City	10	1
Griffith	8	0
Merrillville	7	1
Munster	3	1
Crown Point	0	2
Hobart	11	0
Plymouth	4	0
Portage	2	3
Andean	0	1
LaPorte	4	0
Highland	3	0
Sectional 1	10	0
Sectional 2	8	0
Sectional 3	1	0
Regionals	2	4

# More Unfinished Business

## Quotes



*"When you step out onto the field you get an adrenaline rush. I think that rush is what makes me love soccer."*

-Cameron Williams, OS



*"Soccer was awesome this year, all the guys were really close, and I think it really showed in our playing. Go Valpo!"*

-Sam Hart, OS

## Goal Run



Winners train, losers complain. That was the motto that the boys soccer team played by this season. The motto seemed to have an impact because the boys had a very successful season.

Some of the goals the boys set at the beginning of the year were: to have a successful winning season, win DAC, and to win sectionals. According to coach Jechtich, the team excelled far and above these goals. Their overall season record was (14-3). They won DAC, and they were the only team to go 6-0 in the conference as well as winning sectionals.

The one thing that really fueled their success was the players ability to work together on and off the field according to coach Jechtich.

### (Left to Right)

1. The varsity and JV team round the field in a warm up before the game. Seniors Austin Barsophy and Dave Gage led the team to many victories.
2. JV Player Phil Pimental battles for control of the ball. Aggression was a necessary tactic for the team's record.
3. The team gathers in prayer before the game. The "Lord's Prayer" was a pre-game ritual before each match.
4. Matt Welter jumps in attempt of heading the ball. Welter has been a member of the JV team the past 2 years.



# COACH PROFILE



## Mr. Jeffrich- Head Coach

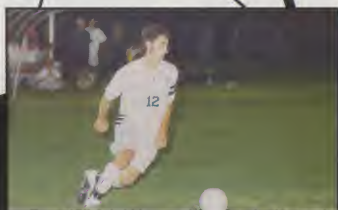
Danny Jeffrich is the coach of the boys varsity soccer team. Jeffrich grew up in Yugoslavia where he played soccer all the way to the professional level. One of coach Jeffrich's favorite memories of the season was when VHS beat the number one team in the state, North Central Indianapolis.



During half time, coach Jeffrich discusses killer strategies. The team had a very successful season with 14 wins and 3 losses.



Senior Captain Austin Barsophy charges down the field with the ball. Barsophy has been a member of the varsity team for 3 years.



Senior Captain Dave Cage dribbles the ball down the field. "This year was very successful due to hard work in the pre-season and team unity that came about during the latter stages of the season," Cage explained.

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Row one: (L-R) PJ Nagle, Scott Wolff, Patrick Rickman, Sam Hart, Arman Sarkisian, Mike Minissale, Sam Stoner, Hunter Van Houten, Zane Henson. Row two: (L-R) Justin Bridgewater, Andrew Wendahl, Daniel Jeffrich, Cam Williams, Joe Cooper, Mike Butin, Dave Causo, Jovan Jeffrich, Austin Barsophy, Tim Pimental, Joey Catrino, Head Coach Danny Jeffrich.



### BOYS JV SOCCER

Row one: (L-R) Alex Belenist, Danny Lvachik. Row two: (L-R) Manager Ryan Schmidt, Joe Corbie, Michael Moran, Jay Olesby, Devin Henson, Andy Armour, Andrew Ewing, Matt Welter, Phil Pimental, Manager Ian Kennedy. Row three: (L-R) Patrick Grindlay, Cam Weeks, Jamie Smith, Chris Scott, Nick Parks, Evan Christian, Kyle Regal, Richard Seuderi, Sam Cunningham, Adam Kepi, Head Coach Ted Cuson.



## Soccer

VALPO VISITOR

Lake Central	0	4
W. Lafayette	2	0
Chesteron	0	2
Munster	3	4
Michigan City	2	1
Highland	3	3
Merrillville	5	4
Crown Point	6	0
Hobart	3	1
North Central	1	0
Portage	3	2
Concord	2	1
LaPorte	3	0
Sectional	13	0
Sectional	2	0
Sectional	2	1
Regional	0	1

# Solly's Angels

Quotes



*"One of my favorite team rituals is holding pinkies during the National Anthem."*

-Megan Maynard, 04



*"The best part of volleyball is having fun with my teammates. I look forward to being with them everyday!"*

-Brittany Allen, 03

Determination



The goals for the JV and varsity volleyball teams were set high this year. With six practices a week consisting of running, passing, serving, and receiving, the girls were close to reaching their main goal of winning sectionals. In addition, they also ran through set plays, lifted weights, and conditioned. However, the girls were not devastated by not reaching that goal, because they agreed that they had gotten better everyday as a team. Their overall record was 25 - 12. The team was led by the 3 senior captains Brittany Allen, Natalie Hines, and Jamie Piatti. "I thought we had an extremely good season. The girls achieved many other goals, which included to win 20 matches, win DAC, and win a sectional match. We plan to come back again next year and improve off those goals," Coach Salomon explained.

(Left to Right)

1. Senior Captain Natalie Hines crouches in a low position to save a play. Hines showed her leadership on and off the court.
2. Dominant hitter Megan Maynard attacks the ball, and scores a point for her team.
3. JV huddles together during a time out to gather thoughts.
4. Sophomore Chelsea Nix focuses on the ball to send a perfect pass.

# COACH PROFILE

Mrs. Salomon-Head Coach



Michelle Salomon, has been coaching volleyball for 11 years. She was the setter for her varsity volleyball team in high school. She became a volleyball coach because it is a great team sport and she has a lot of fun with the girls.



Senior Captain Jamie Piatti hi-fives her teammate Michelle Lang before a match. "This was the first year that we played together as a team and not as individuals and as long as we were having fun, things worked out," Piatti said.



Junior Katie Ramirez prepares herself to bump the ball. Ramirez played for both JV and varsity.



Sophomore Elise Snell adjusts from her normal position on the court, to set the ball to her teammate.

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Row one: (L-R) Katie Ramirez, Katy Blythe Row two: (L-R) Jamie Piatti, Jamie Dosane, Natalie Hines, Nicole Novak Row three: (L-R) Head Coach Michelle Salomon, Kristina Rose, Michelle Lang, Cassie Kerns, Brittany Allen, Megan Maynard, Assistant Coach TR I Harlan.



## JV VOLLEYBALL

Row one: (L-R) Katie Ramirez, Jessica Porucznik, Katy Blythe, Chelsea Nix Row two: (L-R) Head Coach Natalie Shadowen, Chally Clem, Elise Snell, Katie Drakos, Kristin Cannon, Lindsay Pavell, Nicole Novak, Ashley Budd.



# Volleyball

Michigan City  
Crown Point  
Highland  
Kankakee Valley  
Chasterton  
Hammond Morton  
Hobart  
Boons Grove  
LaPorte  
Merrillville  
Portage  
Andraan  
Lake Central  
Lowell  
Sectional- Hobart  
Sectional- Merrillville

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# Freshmen got game

## Volleyball & Basketball

Q u o t e s



*"The best part of volleyball is meeting new people and getting the chance to play in an organized program."*

-Raine Hall, 06'



*"In basketball, I always tell myself to do it right the first time; do it right everytime."*

-Taunia Blake, 06'

Hustle

High School sports are quite different from middle school. As an incoming freshman, a good way to feel welcome and meet new people was to join sports.

"Making improvements everyday was our main goal for the year. We worked a lot on basics and defense," basketball coach Mr. Mitchell said. Being a freshman athlete can be very challenging because sports are more competitive on the high school level.

"We worked a lot harder in high school and the level of intensity was much higher," Jill McMillian agreed. Freshman year was a good time to prove yourself to peers and coaches.

Freshman teams held previews of what varsity competition held for the future. As for now, the younger athletes continued to look up to the many varsity teams and someday hoped to be in their shoes.



(Left to Right)

1. Freshman Brittany Woldt lines up to shoot for two.

2. Leah Bess bumps the ball carefully to her teammate. Bess played volleyball and basketball.

3. Jill Schafer vigorously dribbles the ball past her opponent.

4. Emmeline Magno prepares to serve the volleyball over the net to the opposing team.





# COACH PROFILE



## Mrs. Clifford- Volleyball Coach

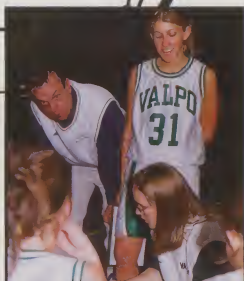
Debbie Clifford has been playing volleyball since she was in high school and still plays for fun. She decided to coach because she wanted to be involved with athletics. This is her fourth year coaching freshman volleyball.



The volleyball girls huddle together for a time out to go over plays.



Lauren Hittinger shoots a free throw for her team after being fouled.



Assistant Coach Harrington asks for a time out to review plays with the freshman girls basketball team.

### GIRLS FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL

Row one: (L-R) Brittany Cowan, Lindsay Payne, Kelly Moran, Emeline Mauro, Jaime Hite. Row two: (L-R) Head Coach Debbie Clifford, Kendra Wagner, Leah Bess, Kelly Goffiney, Jill McMillan, Haley Page, Alyssa Sharp, Raine Hall.



### GIRLS FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

Row one: (L-R) Jill Schaefer, Lauren Hittinger, Brittany Wolfe, Kendra Wagner. Row two: (L-R) Head Coach Rick Mitchell, Leah Bess, Chally Clem, Shelly Saunders, Tauria Blake, Grace Sutherland, Jillian Demorotski, Liz Pochop.



## Volleyball

Hammond	W	Munster	L
Andean	L	Lake Central	L
Penn	L	Gary Westfield	W
Crown Point	W	LaPorte	L
Plymouth	W	Michigan City	W
Highland	W	Merrillville	W
Lake Station	W		

## Basketball

Kankakee Valley	W	Portage	W
Plymouth	W	Michigan City	W
Bishop Noll	W	LaPorte	W
East Chicago	W	Chesterton	W
Crown Point	W	Merrillville	W
Andean	W	Kosciusko	W
Highland	W	Munster	W
Calumet	W	Lake Central	L

# Holding Court

Quotes



*"Collectively, the whole team is friends with one another. When we aren't playing basketball, we are hanging out."*

-Megan Rose, 03



*"We're all really close and have an awesome time. The party never ends."*

-Jamie Doane, 04

Rebound

Despite graduating six seniors last year, coach Kirby and the girls had a successful season. The varsity finished with a 16-8 overall record and the JV finished with a 14-6 overall record.

Practices consisted of the basic fundamentals: passing, shooting, and dribbling skills. After working on the basics, the team would run through drills on both defense and offense.

Even in the off-season the girls were busy preparing for the season. The team participated in a strength program in the spring and the summer. They also attended a team camp at Valparaiso University. On top of all the camps, they had open gym at the high school along with playing in the Chesterton summer league.

Like many other teams, the girls had their pre-game/post-game rituals. Some pre-game rituals consisted of listening to music, and goofing off to try to take the pressure away. Another way the girls would get pumped up was by yelling lines from Harry Potter before the game. The girls would often have pasta parties and sleepovers. They would also eat out as a team.



(Left to Right)

1) Junior Lauren Hutton dribbles around her opponent while heading to the basket.

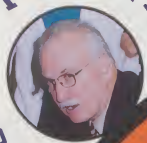
2) Sophomore Cassie Kerns drives to the basket around the Andrean defender.

3) Ashley Glaser pushes the ball up court.

4) Junior varsity coach Mark Knauff goes over plays with his team during a time-out.



# COACH PROFILE



Head Coach  
Greg Kirby

Not only is Mr. Kirby the Dean of students, he is also the varsity girls basketball coach. Mr. Kirby has been the girls' coach for 13 years. He enjoys coaching because he likes to compete. "I like the challenge of taking a group of people and working to forge them in to a cohesive team that is collectively focused on the same goals," stated coach Kirby.



The varsity girls stand respectfully during the National Anthem before the game.



Head coach Greg Kirby discusses the plays with his team during a time out.



Senior Megan Rose and sophomore Lindsay Humes surround their opponent.

## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Row one: (L-R) Lauren Hutton, Megan Rose, Jamie Dyane, Leslie Bryan, Ali Murtaugh Second row: (L-R) Assistant Coach Kathy Levnukleski, Katie Ramirez, Beanie Guerke, Cassie Kerns, Lindsay Humes, Head Coach Greg Kirby



## GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Row one: (L-R) Maggie Graber, Sarah Rodenburger, Vanessa Carna, Suzy Szorn, Ashley Olser Second Row: (L-R) Head Coach Mark Knauff, Erin Knauff, Meg Hunt, Michelle Lung, Ashley Livovich, Joy Stefanski, Manager Taylor Ibsen



## Basketball

### VARSITY

EC Central	W	Portage	L
Penn	W	Elk Central	W
Plymouth	W	Lake Central	W
Chesterton	W	Merrillville	W
SB Adams	L	K. Valley	W
Andean	W	Sectional 1	W
M. City	W	Sectional 2	W
Munster	W	Sectional 3	W
Hobart	W	Regionals	L

### JUNIOR VARSITY

EC Central	L	LaPorte	W
Penn	L	Munster	W
Plymouth	L	Hobart	W
Chesterton	W	Portage	L
SB Adams	W	Chesterton	W
Andean	W	Portage	W
M. City	W	Elk Central	W
Crown Point	L	Lake Central	W
Crown Point	L	Merrillville	W
Lake Central	W	K. Valley	W



# In the loop

Quotes



*"Shaq has been my greatest influence, simply because he's huge!"*

-John Hanselman, 05'



*"All that I hope will happen next year is that I will make the team."*

-Mike Mullen, 06'

Swoosh

Boys freshmen and sophomore basketball had a very busy season. With practices after school for more than two hours each day, they barely seemed to have any time to themselves.

"Our goal of the year was to work as a team, as each individual improved, the team improved," explained freshman "B" coach Dale Gott.

Coach John Knauff added, "Our greatest achievement of the year was being able to win two or three games even when all of the players weren't there."

Their goal for the players was to improve their individual skills of passing, defense, and shooting in order to improve as a team.

(Left to Right)

1) Freshman "B" player Dave McGonigle stretches to keep possession of the ball.

2) Tom McGinley leaps to shoot during the freshman "B" game.

3) Mike Tilleman prepares to pass to a fellow player.

4) Freshman "A" player Kevin Tran concentrates on keeping the ball under control.





# COACH PROFILE

## Mr. Gott- Head Coach

Dale Gott has been a teacher at VHS for 31 years and a coach for 16. His favorite part of coaching is teaching the skills of the game and developing individuals to play as a team. This was his last season coaching as he retired at the end of the school year.



Freshman "A" player, Tim Handlon, prepares to shoot for two.



Nick Kappas keeps his eyes on the ball in attempt to steal it.



Freshman "B" player Mike Tilleman stretches to the basket to score.



### FRESHMEN "A" BASKETBALL

Row one: (L-R) Tim Handlon, Kevin Tran, Hunter Van Houten, Kyle West, Manager Trevor Ibsen  
Row two: (L-R) Head Coach John Knauff, Paul Coburn, Evan Casias, Kevin Morse, Carl Hoefler, Scott South, Manager Sheldon Alt.



### FRESHMEN "B" BASKETBALL

Row one: (L-R) Kevin Nuppnau, Paul Cunningham, Mike Mullen, Dave McCongie, Mirch Steuer, Matt Kennedy. Row two: (L-R) Jamie Smith, Mike Tilleman, Tom McGinley, Clint Kryst, Nick Kappas.



### SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

(L-R) Michael Johnston, Dan Jeffrich, John Hinselmann, Austin Huck, Terrilo Kohn

## Basketball

	Wins	Losses
Freshmen "A" Team	19	1
Freshmen "B" Team	17	1
Sophomore Team	3	3

# Fresh New Fun

## Quotes



*"The best part of playing basketball is making new friends and getting a chance to play with friends in different grades."*

- Jon Moon, 05'



*"The best thing about playing basketball for Valpo is I like knowing that when I go to practice, I'm competing against the very best at that level of play."*

- Craig VanSoest, 05'

## Hustle

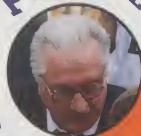


With a season record of 17-4, very few people would have guessed that this was a rebuilding year for the team, but that was exactly what it was for coach Punter. After graduating most of his starting players, Punter wasn't sure what this season would have in store for him. "A new team can go both ways, however this year's team did better than expected," said Punter. He also said that the team's biggest accomplishment this season was beating their biggest rival, the Chesterton Trojans. "This was the most inexperienced team coming in, but they did very well," stated Punter. The team reigned as the Michigan City Holiday Tourney champs for the second year in a row. Punter stated he also hoped the team would meet their goals of winning conference, which they did accomplish, however they were defeated in sectionals.

### (Left to Right)

1. Senior Adrian Demko takes a shot during a game against Michigan City.
2. Working hard to achieve a win, Ryan Osburn catches a pass.
3. Mike Hills passes a ball inbounds to one of his teammates. Hills has been a member of the basketball team for all four years of high school.
4. Looking for an open teammate, Bo Gilliland passes the ball.

# COACH PROFILE



Mr. Punter-  
Head Coach

Bob Punter has been the head boy's basketball coach for 14 years. His season record was 17-4. In addition to coaching basketball, he is also a math teacher.



Jeff Nelson charges past his Michigan City opponent while driving to the basket.



The varsity basketball team performs their warm-up drill.



Junior Brent Kimmel pushes the ball downcourt. This was his first year as starting point guard.

## VARSITY BASKETBALL

Row one (L-R) Jason Remy, Bret Kimmel, Mike Reinhardt, Ryan Nappius, Row two (L-R) Mike Hills, Adrian Demko, Brian McMillan, Billy Van Sled, Ben Reese, Brandon Thomas, Christian Tabish



## JV BASKETBALL

Row one (L-R) Ryan Brown, Jordan Heckard, Dan Lieske, Jake Leiske, Steve Hirvink, Jeff Nelson (Row Two (L-R) Head Coach Lew Rhinehart, Ryan Osburn, Jon Moxon, Aaron McMeekin, Craig Van Sled, Bo Gilliland, Assistant Coach Mark Anderson.



# Basketball

VALPO VISITOR

Boons Grove	76	36
Gary Roosevelt	59	69
Elkhart Mem.	84	56
Chesterton	55	44
SB Clay	69	57
LaPorte	71	60
Portage	56	50
Penn	46	44
Kankakee Valley	74	46
Michigan City	58	51
Crown Point	50	56
Morgan Twp.	52	38
LaPorte	60	78



# Making a Splash

Q u o t e s

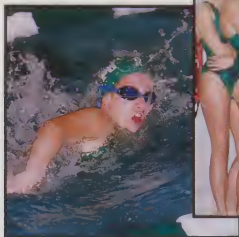


*"My favorite part of swimming is being with all my good friends and the feeling of accomplishment after I race."*  
-Ashley Matthiesen, 05'



*"Before a race I pace around because I get so nervous, and I tell everyone how nervous I am, especially Kate, because I know how much she cares about my swimming."*  
-Allison Hunley, 04'

Diving In



C arpe diem, seize the day, has been the girls swim team motto for the past couple of years. The hand print on the wall of the locker room, with the phrase written above it, reminded the girls of this goal everyday before entering the pool.

The girls' team strength came from their depth this year. There was not just one "super swimmer" on the team. They all had to pull together and make all the points count. Each swimmer made many contributions at the meets.

"Sectional prelims and finals were amazing," said coach Pete Sattler. "Everyone went season or lifetime best time."

Senior divers Katie Boyle and Katherine Lelek qualified at regionals this year to dive at state. Lelek received thirtieth and Boyle was awarded ninth place.

(Left to Right)

- 1) Senior Stephanie Kalmbach races to the finish. Kalmbach swam the 200 and 500 distance events.
- 2) Swimmers Ashley Matthiesen, Erin Frey, Megan Porter and Kate Kozelka gather around the coach to hear their times.
- 3) Exploding off the block, senior Megan Porter dives into finish for her relay. Porter was one of the senior captains for the team this year.
- 4) Warming up before a meet, Katherine Lelek practices her dives. Lelek was one of the teams top divers this season after suffering an injury last year.





## Mr. Sattler- Head Coach

Pete Sattler has been coaching for five years. Sattler is addicted to the look on a swimmer's face when they have accomplished more than they ever thought possible. His goal was to improve and have fun everyday.



Senior captain Rachel Rhoda sprints to the finish in her 100 butterfly. Rhoda swam the 100 fly and 200 freestyle events this season.



Diving Captain Katie Boyle soars in the air before performing her dive. Boyle has been a top state diver for the past three years and placed 9th at state.



Senior Kate Kozelka swims the 100 breaststroke in a December meet. The breaststroke was one of the teams more competitive events on the team this year.



## GIRLS VARSITY SWIM TEAM

Row one (L-R): Autumn Hunt, Sarah Surber, Amanda Holesinger, Rachel Rhoda, Hilary Huguierard, Jodie Kerwin, Jenny Peller.  
Row two (L-R): Lauren Bryan, Becky Pahl, Emily Forbes, Erin Frey, Pam Longtin-Plante, Maggie Phillips, Natalie Fisher, Sarah Beigh, Kelly Salazar, Stephanie Kalmbach.  
Row three (L-R): Coach Pete Sattler, Assistant Diving Coach Allison Broadstone, Sarah Patton, Kelly Linder, Nicole Loutzenhiser, Heather Horitz, Francesca Johnson, Keely Chaisson, Kyle-Lee Andrews, Fay Cannon, Leann St. John, Lauren Hill, Jenn Hennessey, Assistant Coach Karen Koxlin, Diving Coach Bill Chappo.  
Row four (L-R): Kyle Lee Andrews, Chelsea Burton, Lesley Green, Megan Porter, Christina McCane, Ashley Mathiesen, Megan Maynard, Laura Breen, Christy Claypool, Laurie Vaughn, Mary Kozelka, Michelle Moore, Amy Ficken.



## Swimming

VALPO VISITOR

Highland	102	84
Hamilton Southeastern	4th	
LaPorte	106	80
Lake Central	60	126
Hobart	132	52
Laporte Invite	3rd	
Crown Point	83	102
Muntz	51	135
Chesteron	60	126
Laff. Jeff.	118	68
Merrillville	140	46
Highland Invite	4th	
Fortage Diving Invite	1st	
Fortage	122	64
DAC	3rd	
Michigan City	105	78
Penn Invite	4th	
Sectionals	3rd	



# Unstoppable

Q u o t e s



"The thing I've learned during my 4 years of diving is that no matter what I think Mr. Chappo is always right."

-Tom Clifford, 03



"Silence is what motivates me. Sounds pretty wild but when it is completely quiet I feel unstoppable. Also, seeing Senaka first thing in the morning is pretty motivating."

-Logan Owens, 04

Splash



"Give it your best shot," and "Everyone can always do a little more than they think," were two of the mottos that the boys' junior varsity and varsity swimming teams lived by this season.

Gary Davis and Joe Bowyer coached the team, along with diving coaches Bill Chappo and assistant Allison Broadstone. The team did a lot of training which included technique, strategy, and overall maintenance.

"Swimming was obviously very physically demanding, but the hardest part was staying mentally focused throughout the entire season, especially the end," said sophomore Tim Surber.

The swimming and diving teams placed fourth in the Dune-land Athletic Conference, second at sectionals, and twenty-third in the state. Their final season record was 4-7. Some of the top swimmers this year were: seniors Brad Shinabarger and Jason Dowell, juniors Kevin Ludwig, Matt Ray, and Logan Owens, sophomores Tim Surber, Tim Rozendal and freshman Senaka Ratnayake. Also returning this year were divers Tom Clifford and Sam Stoner.

(Left to Right)

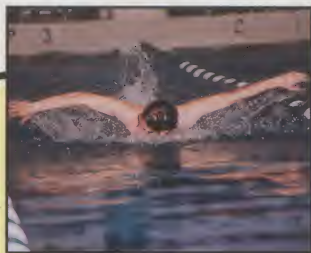
- 1) Swimming on the varsity team for 2 years, sophomore Brian Kelly dives into the pool to start his race.
- 2) Before his dive, junior Sam Stoner squeezes his chair into the pool to start his race.
- 3) Sophomore Tim Surber does the freestyle in the 200 individual medley. Surber also swam in the 500 freestyle.
- 4) Reaching for the wall, senior Brad Shinabarger finishes his race. Shinabarger placed 3rd in the 100 breaststroke at the sectional meet.

# COACH PROFILE



Mr. Davis-  
Head Coach

Gary Davis has been coaching for 32 years. The thing he enjoys most about the team this year is their leadership, work ethic, coachability, and the team's desire to be better. "I enjoy working with teenagers, and believe in the benefits of competitive swimming," says Davis.



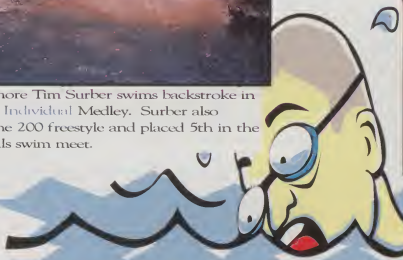
Having been a top swimmer on the varsity team for the past two years, Tim Rozendal swims the 100 butterfly. Rozendal also swam the 200 individual medley.



Sophomore Tim Surber swims backstroke in the 200 Individual Medley. Surber also swam the 200 freestyle and placed 5th in the sectionals swim meet.



Coach Davis motivates the team to do their best. Davis usually talked with the team before and during the meet to keep them motivated.



## BOYS SWIM TEAM

Row one (L-R): Manager Mike Bottes, Andy Armour, Tim Surber, Matt O'Brien, Manager Kate Hood. Row two (L-R): Mark Kulmbach, Kevin Skelton, Tim Rozendal, Senaka Ratnayake, Jason Copeland, Zach Shum, Brian Schimpf, Ricky Ringer, Sam Stoner, Ben Malone. Row three (L-R): Diving Coach Bill Chappo, Assistant Coach Bowyer, Logan Owens, Kevin Ludwig, Alek Demko, Levi Cowser, Dan Tunaick, Ian Kennedy, Matt Ray, Ryan Kelley, Brandon Muba, James Winter, Brian Kelly, Assistant Diving Coach Allison Broadstone, Coach Gary Davis. Row four (L-R): Eddie Kohar, Chris Russell, Darren McLane, Torbin Spankowitz, Zack Carter, Jason Dowell, Tom Clifford, Brad Shinalburger, Joe Camp, Joe Gawdzik, Cody Charnas.

## Swimming

Lake Central	W
Hobart	W
Crown Point	L
Munster	L
Chesteron	L
Laf. Jefferson	L
Merrillville	W
Portage	L
Highland	L
Michigan City	W
LafPorte	L
Munster Invite	3rd
Laporte Invite	3rd
Highland Invite	6th
Fern Invite	3rd
DAC	4th
Sectionals	2nd

# Lucky Thirteen

Q u o t e s



*"It was really tough this year with the loss of our 3 top girls, so we had to step up in their spots. But it was still an awesome year."*  
-Sami Ma, 04



*"This year was a great year to end on for me. The team really pulled together and we had a lot of fun."*

-Ashley Connor, 03

Perfection

With the loss of three main girls last season, the varsity gymnastics team had to adjust and regroup as a team this year. With exciting additions of six new girls, the team had a new total of 13. Thirteen didn't seem so unlucky anymore to them. Their ultimate goal for the team was to advance to state. With a high goal in mind the girls had to commit to the demanding sport.

Some of the team's biggest accomplishments during season were winning the DAC meet, winning regionals, and placing third at state. This was the first time in 5 years that Valpo had qualified to go down to state as a team.

The team was led by Rebekah Porter and Brittany Millar. Porter captured the all around title as well as vault and floor.



- (Left to Right)
1. Freshman Monica Istein poses on the beam. Istein had a big impact on the team's depth.
  2. Sophomore Valarie Logsdon waits to be saluted before running down to the vault.
  3. The team gathers together on the podium at state to receive their third place trophy.
  4. Sophomore Maggie Anderson fixes her grips before jumping to the low bar. "I am more relaxed when I compete because I know I have 12 other girls supporting me," Anderson said.





# COACH PROFILE



Mrs. Cook-  
Head Coach

Lori Cook has been coaching gymnastics for 28 years and has helped the gymnastics program win 5 state championships and 3 runner up titles. She decided to coach gymnastics because she loved the sport and the bonds that develop between athletes and coaches.



The team huddles together just moments before competition starts. In every huddle together, they would say a prayer and motivate each other.



Junior Rebekah Porter uses all her strength on her favorite event, the uneven bars. Porter emerged as the team's top scorer.



Sophomore Brittany Millar gracefully swings during her bar routine. Millar was the #2 scorer for her team.

## VARSITY GYMNASTICS

Row one: (L-R) Rebekah Porter, Ashley Connor, Monica Istein, Tressely Franko, Kim Schroeder, Lauren Hyde, Maggie Anderson. Row two: (L-R) Valerie Logsdon, Brittany Millar, Erin Dalton, Allisa Connors, Michelle Matchett. (Not pictured- Sami Ma)



Sophomore Erin Dalton performs on the balance beam in deep concentration.



Together the team marches in and lines up for the National Anthem.

## Gymnastics

Crown Point	W
Portage Fair	W
Michigan City	W
Viking Invite	W
LaPorte	W
Concordia	2nd
Hobart	W
Lowell	W
Chesterton	L
Portage	W
Merrillville	L
DAC	1st
Sectional	2nd
Regional	1st
State	3rd

# It MATTERS

Quotes



*"What makes wrestling the hardest sport is you're always a wrestler, even when your friends want to hang out until 11. It takes discipline, commitment, and hard work."*

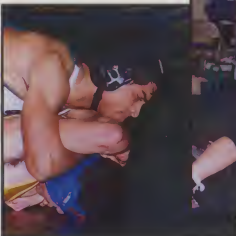
-Tim Patterson, 04



*"Wrestling is a physical sport that requires a tremendous amount of dedication; and it is very rewarding."*

-Coach Klimczak

Hittin' the Mats



According to head coach Tom Renn, this year's varsity wrestling team had three goals to be conference and sectional champs, become stronger with their new strength and weightlifting program, and become better conditioned. Among reaching these goals, this team was the first in the school's history to advance to team regionals. They also advanced 10 wrestlers to regionals, 4 to semi-state, and 2 to the state competition.

Along with being so successful, the team put in many hours of hard work during their daily practices which consisted of daily technique and drill work with conditioning, strength training and lifting weights.

According to senior captain Manvel Biggs, the hardest part about being a wrestler was running and trying to maintain your weight everyday. The other captains of the team included seniors Dan Wiggins and Mike Burnison who both competed in the state competition.

(L to R)

1) Nazur Ahmed attempts to pin his Hobart opponent.

2) Bill Cross struggles to tackle his opponent to the ground.

3) Sophomore Vincent Biggs tackles his opponent in attempt to pin him.

4) Senior Manvel Biggs overpowers his opponent in preparation to pin him. Biggs planned to wrestle next year at Purdue University.

# COACH PROFILE

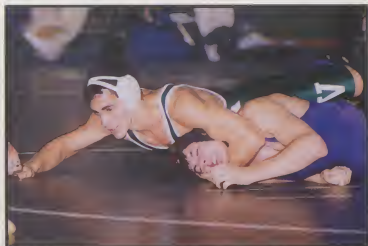


**Tom Renn-  
Head Coach**

Even though this is Tom Renn's first year as head coach, he has had many years of experience with the sport. He was a former high school champion and was previously an assistant coach for fourteen years. The excitement of watching athletes learn and succeed in the sport was the reason he enjoyed coaching so much.



Dan Wiggins prepares to take down his opponent during the Hobart wrestling meet. Along with being one of the captains, Wiggins also placed fifth in the state wrestling tournament.



Senior captain Mike Burnison wrestles his opponent to the ground. Burnison was one of only two wrestlers to compete at the state competition.



Junior Chris Norman attempts to pin his opponent during a season meet.

## BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

Row One (L-R): Manager Diana Crew, Mike Benick, Josh Allen, Manager Angie Martin. Row Two (L-R): Tye Steuck, Chris Norman, Marvel Biggs, Bobby Reed, John Norman, Wes Walczynski. Row Three (L-R): Head Coach Tom Renn, Ben Nowlin, Erik Fontaine, Andrew Vahary, Sam Compton, Patrick Lieneck, Eric Zossy, Tim Patterson, Phil Pimental, Paul Vasquez, Assistant Coach Todd Evans.

(Not pictured: Michael Burnison and Dan Wiggins.)



## BOYS JV WRESTLING

Row One (L-R): Mgr. Diana Crew, Erik Martin, Brandon Tran, Ian Golubick, Mike Prochny, and Mgr. Angie Martin. Row Two (L-R): Zafer Ahmed, Aaron Biggs, Jeff Shapiro, Ken Allen, James Zenici, Mike Lippelt, Ench Golsensom, Joe Hill, and Eren Dogruyal. Row Three (L-R): Andrew Ewing, Corey Crew, Garrett Brincko, Bill Cross, Bill Dunauro, Joe Ring, Paul Kesperin, Adam Ewing, Phil Pimental, Kyle Meyne, Nazur Ahmed, and Head Coach Dan Klimczak.



# Wrestling

**DAC record 9-2**  
**Overall record 38-8**  
**Merrillville Invite.-2nd**  
**Sectionals-1st**  
**Regionals-2nd**

# Back on Track

Quotes



*"I actually enjoyed the exercise, it gave me energy and something to work for."*

-Cassie Kerns, 05'



*"Oh yeah, I just adored waking up at 5 am in the morning to go and run (wink, wink)!"*

-Chelsea Mix, 05'

Sprint

"We always have a great group of girls, but this year's group surpassed the others by continuing their level of dedication to training and preparation," stated coach Jim McCall.

For the third year in a row, the girls were DAC and sectional champions. In addition, they qualified 17 girls for the state meet which was held in Indianapolis.

Valparaiso's 3,200 relay team of junior Racheal Marchand, senior Danielle Nunnelly, sophomore Lisa Floran, and junior Megan Foreman placed ninth at the state meet.

The girls ended the track season with a 7-0 record. According to Coach McCall, he loved working with the athletes everyday and helping them reach their goals.

(Left to Right)

1. Sophomore Chelsea Nix keeps up her pace during a relay.
2. Freshman Jamie Hite sprints to victory.
3. Competing in long jump, freshman Kelly Morgan prepares for the end of the race.
4. Pushing it out to the end, senior Danielle Nunnelly competes in the Valpo invite.





# COACH PROFILE

## Mr. McCall- Head Coach

Nor only is Jim McCall a fourth year English teacher but he is also the girls track coach. He was an assistant for one year and has been head coach for three years. McCall believes that the girls did great this year and he can't wait until next season. "I expect our younger team members to step up and continue the level of work this years seniors have started," he stated.



Senior Megan Maynard leaps over the hurdle during a race at Valpo. She competed in the 100 hurdles at the state meet.



Freshman Leah Bess stretches over the bar during the high jump.



Running the 1600, junior Megan Foreman leads the pack.

Senior Michelle Sullivan sprints for the end line while competing in hurdles. Sullivan competed in four events at the state meet and will be running track at Ball State on a scholarship.

### GIRLS TRACK

Row one (L-R) Marissa Taylor, Julie Morris, Sabrina Davis, Kristina Clendon, Danielle Nunnally, Lindsey Molloy, Nicki Morris, Kristine Clark, Alicia Thompson, Sam Fockensinger, Maggie Granger, Ashley Thompson, Tara Freeman, Lindsey Connell, Sarah Loftis, Kelly Moran, Row two (L-R) Andrea Kell, Ashley Hall, Jessica Windsor, Jennifer Kennedy, Kaiti Goble, Elaine Starnes, Susantha Towseley, Ashley Glaser, Ashley Henderson, Lisa Horan, Perrine Magerie, Chelsea Nix, Jenny Volter, Emily Forbes, Erin Ernes, Ashley Austin, Row three (L-R) Britte Hall, Janine Hite, Liz Delsch, Leah Bess, Sarah Linzer, Katherine Heister, Cathryn Maynard, Michelle Marchen, Caitlin Weick, Gai Rodriguez, Erica Johnson, Cassie Tran, Dana Majors, Cami Kerns, Megan Porter, Megan Rose, Megan Maynard, Row four (L-R) Meghan Parks, Lauren Harro, Melissa West, Karlin Fung, Anne Shipley, Richard Marchand, Megan Foreman, Ashley Hoffmann, Lar Pereda, April Anderson, Mandy Scalle, Dana Crew, Brendy Lander, Lida Karples, Amy Sepp, Janine Medler, Cassie Gwarynski, Row five (L-R) Coach Bolner, Ashley Connor, Dominique Barnes, Johanna Roberts, Melissa Klavner, Lindsey Lloyd, Brittany Allen, Cassie Kerns, Coach Jim McCall, Coach Karen Davis



## Track

Season record	7-0
DAC	1st
IHSAA Sectional	1st
IHSAA Regional	2nd
IHSAA State	53rd

# In the Fast Lane

Quotes



*"I really enjoy the camaraderie and the tremendous team support Valpo shows every year. I love how you can push your body to the max and watch yourself vastly improve."*  
-Jeff Kent, 03



*"It is great to be part of the team and knowing you've all worked together to gain the victory."*  
-Gyron Hadley, 05

Dedication



"Pain is mandatory, suffering is optional," as evidence of the boys track team's 7-0 DAC record. They were sectional and DAC champions and showed no sign of suffering after graduating seven of their twelve top runners last year.

"This year's team was a very close knit group that were committed to each other and winning," said coach Brett Polizotto of the team's ability to come together as friends.

The team's goals of winning conference, sectionals and regionals were met.

"Track has topped off a great year for me. I met all of my goals and accomplished a lot. I felt lucky to be a part of a great team," stated Steve Schmidt.

(Left to Right)

1. Sophomore Andy Barton races a runner from La Porte during a home track meet.
2. Sophomore Brian Lindsey sails over a hurdle.
3. Sophomore Dan Watts, distance runner, perseveres to finish a race.
4. Juniors Ben Sundy and Dave Gage run relays in a home track meet.

# COACH PROFILE



Mr. Polizotto-  
Head Coach

Besides being a science teacher, Mr. Brett Polizotto is a track coach for the boy's track team. He has been coaching for nine years. This year his team went undefeated in the DAC, and their record was 7-0.



Junior Mike Reinherts, a high jumper, clears the bar in a home track meet.



Sophomore Sam Compton prepares to throw the shot put.



Senior Christian Tabib perseveres to finish a relay race. He received a track scholarship from Brown University.



VHS runners Steve Schmidt and Tim VanLaan try to pass their Chesterton opponents during the Valparaiso Relays. The event was the 4 X 800 relay. Teams from South Bend and Merrillville also competed.

## Track

	VALPO	VISITOR
3 Way Meet	W	L
Bomber Relay Trials	W	L
DAC Indoor Invite	W	L
Bomber Relay Finals	W	L
Merrillville Invite	W	L
Outdoor Invite	W	L
3 Way Meet	W	L
Indian Invite	W	L
3 Way Meet	W	L
3 Way Meet	W	L
Kokomo Invite	W	L
Portage	W	L
Valpo Relays	W	L
DAC Championship	W	L
IHSAA Sectional	W	L
IHSAA Regional	W	L
State Meet		25th place

# Setting to Serve

## Quotes



*"The team provides a non-stress, relaxed environment for girls to participate in a life-long sport that can be enjoyed by all."*

*-Stephanie Malak, 03'*



*"This year was really special. We were all really close both on and off the court, and I think that really made the difference when it came to sectionals."*

*-Randah Atassi, 03*

## Causing Racket

Doing a standard warmup before all meets must have contributed to helping the team accomplish so much. This was the first year since 2000 that they won the sectionals. Upsetting Chesterton in the sectionals was one of the season's highlights.

"To me the best part of being on the tennis team was being able to make new friends and doing something you love to play at the same time," said sophomore Beth Hoffman.

The team achieved their goals this year, which were to practice hard, play their best, and to have fun.

A normal practice was two hours long, and consisted of drills, footwork, playing the game for half an hour, and reviewing special situations using the ball machine.



(Left to Right)

1. Senior Althea Acosta and sophomore Emily Stark play together in a doubles match.
2. Margie Michna hits the backhand. This was her fourth year on the team.
3. Freshman Allison Witte and Kate Larson play in a doubles match, while Larson hits the ball.
4. Getting ready to hit the ball, senior Kumari Ratnayake takes position.



# COACH PROFILE



Mr. Barthold-  
Head Coach

Bob Barthold has been coaching women's tennis for fourteen years. His motto is to always try your best. Barthold also encourages the players to have fun, learn, practice, and play well. Seeing how much everyone improves makes Barthold proud.



Before one of the season's first meets, coach Barthold gives a pep talk to encourage his players.



Taking time out of warming up, sophomore Melissa Rompola, poses for a picture. This was her first year in tennis.



Hitting overhand, junior Katelyn Riddlebauer hopes to score a point.

## VARSITY TENNIS

Row one (L-R) Rindah Atasi, Althea Acosta, and Emily Stark  
Row two: (L-R) Coach Bob Barthold, Vanessa Carra, Margie Michna, Kumari Ratnayake, Stephanie Malak, and Coach Gary Dixon.



## JV TENNIS

Row one (L-R) Anna Kispert, Kristen Ellison, Kate Larson, Katelyn Riddlebauer, Eric Bengel, Allison Witte, Brittany Cawson, and Melissa Rompola. Row two: (L-R) Coach Bob Barthold, Kellie Watkins, Sarah Lindsay, Christina Jamieson, Lauren Hall, Michelle Lang, Smith Day, Amy Ficken, Kelly Goffiney, Jillian Donske, and Coach Gary Dixon.



# Tennis

## VALPO VISITOR

Lake Central	2	3
Culver	4	1
Andean	3	2
Merriville	3	2
Michigan City	2	3
LaPorte	1	4
Highland	2	3
Crown Point	2	3
Portage	4	1
Chesterton	2	3
Munster	2	3
Hobart	5	0
Sectional 1	3	2
Sectional 2	4	1
Regional 1	5	0
Regional	2	3

# Up to Bat

## Quotes



*"LaPorte is our biggest rival because they hate us over there and the one thing they don't want to do is lose to Valpo. Now that we have beaten them 5 times their fans despise us."*  
- Chance Garbison, 03'



*"Chesterton, LaPorte, and Crown Point are our biggest rivals. Every opponent we play seems to be our rival."*  
-Coach Steve Krutz

The 2003 baseball team was ready for anything thrown their way. With an outstanding pitching staff this year, and all of the returning seniors to lead their team, they were very confident. Valpo, for the first time ever, was ranked number one. "The most important part of being on this team was having self discipline and integrity as a player and a person," said coach Coffin.

"I really liked being able to play with all of my friends on the team. It really made practice and all of the games fun," said senior Jeff Samardzija. The team felt that the best part of competing in games was being put under the pressure and coming through in the clutch situations. "This was a great way to end my senior year. Everyone worked hard everyday in practice and I really think that it showed during game time. With so much depth on our team we were always ready to handle anything coming that may have been unexpected," said senior Nick Windsor.

## Intensity



### (Left to Right)

1. Junior Ryan Nuppnau hurls the ball to 1st for the out from short stop.
2. Senior Cole Robinson anticipates on whether to run or remain at third on the pop fly.
3. Senior Chance Garbison changes the ball to take on the grounder for an easy out.
4. Junior Tim Kucharski scurries to get the ball before it hits the gap.

# COACH PROFILE

Mr. Coffin  
Head Coach



Todd Coffin has been head coach for four years and has led his team to back to back sectional championships. Coffin has been the first coach ever from Valpo to have a number one ranked team. His goals for this year were to win the DAC and to advance as far as possible in the state tourney. He also feels that the most important part of practice is organization and execution of fundamentals.



Junior Doug Lang runs for second base.



The team always gathered together before games for a talk and some joking around. The guys had some great impersonations and very fond memories.



Senior Nick Windsor heaves the ball for a strike. Windsor stepped up this year and helped out with pitching and was a solid 3rd baseman.



**FRESHMEN BASEBALL**  
Row one (L-R) Mike Prochins, Eric Clarkson, Keith Carlson, Billy Allen, Aaron Johnson, Kevin Letts, Row two (L-R) Coach Fitchell, Joe Hill, Tim Hamilton, Andrew Vozick, Brian Luker, Brian Carter, Eric Cohen, James Southern, Lason Higgins, John Govey, Crow



**Varsity Baseball**  
Row one (L-R) Coach Suppiger, Josh Kucharik, Michael Perry, Ian Meyer, Paul Cunningham, Arty, Eric, Justin Cannon, Nick Montgomery, Row two, Coach Gutierrez, Ryan Christensen, Brandon Dugan, Mattus, Travis Brown, Chris Smith, Clint Kress, Ben Giffard, Travis Blane



Varsity Baseball Row one (L-R) Dustin Dow, Brian Watt, Doug Lang, Tim Kucharski, Ryan Thompson, Chance Carlson, (L-R) William Jones, Matt Kendall, Kyle Bartholomew, Nick Windsor, Jeff Samson, Brian McMillan, Adam Ninko, Josh Fitchell, (L-R) Robinson, Mike Gilman, Steve Kram, Deb Wessinger, Coach Fitchell

## Baseball

Valpo	
Laporte	Win
Michigan City	Split
Chesterton	Win
Crown Point	Split
Merrillville	Split
Portage	Win
Hobart	Win
Sectional 1	Win
Sectional 2	Split



# Lady Vikings

Q u o t e s



*"The best part of softball is the competition, and playing with all the girls on the team. They are all fun to be with and they always have your back."*

-Leslie Rietveld, '04



*"Being with the girls on the team is always an adventure. We are almost always laughing and having a good time."*

-Caroline Bertram, '05

*Hustle!*

With practices consisting of lifting, hitting, throwing, defense and drills, and playing on traveling teams in the off season, the girls varsity team finished the softball season 18-10-01.

In addition, they placed second in the Duneland conference.

"They battled through a tough schedule and won several close games. I was proud of their effort," said varsity coach Kathy Levandoski.

One of the obstacles the team had to deal with concerned player injuries.

"Even though there were many injuries, the team pulled together to work as one rather than reflecting on the player that was out," explained junior Leslie Rietveld.



(Left to Right)  
1. Ashlee Blankenbaker earned three varsity letters during her career with the Lady Vikes 2. The starting infielders gather to give each other support. 3. Sophomore Alicia Ellenberger throws a fast ball. 4. Sophomore Ashley Budd bunts the ball to help the runner advance to second base.



# COACH PROFILE



Coach Levandoski

Coach Kathy Levandoski not only coaches the girls' softball team but she serves as an assistant coach to the girls' varsity basketball team.



(Left to right) Jessica Marquez and Katie Ramirez take a moment to pose for a photo prior to a game.



The Lady Vikes stand ready to do battle against their opponents.



Ashley Budd throws out a runner at first to Caitie Stockwell in the last play of the season against Hobart.

## Girls Varsity Softball

**Row one (L-R)** Aislinn Patsell, Katie Ramirez, Jesse Marquez, Alyse Kupes, Kary Blythe, Ashley Walters, Row two (L-R) Coach Levandoski, Carolyn Bertram, Chally Clem, Leslie Bryan, Ashlee Blankenshaker, Erin Knauff, Leslie Rierveld, Jill Kelmach, Heather Shaw, Janie Dyne, and assistant Coach Ted Hirshorn.



## Girls Junior Varsity Softball

**Row one (L-R)** Kayla Brumley, Caitie Stockwell, Stephanie Zaharias, Sarah Coochaker, Nicole Nizza, Brett Howie, Stephanie Hinchbar, Jenna Garhmann.

**Row two (L-R)** Coach Alana Harrington, Brittany Woldt, Renee Giddens, Katelyn Bullman, Alicia Ellenberger, Nicole Thibodeau, Jill Demorotski, Ashley Budd, Sabrina Kunz, and manager Ashley Morris.



# Softball

	VALPO	VISITOR
Griffith	1	2
Lowell	6	3
Wheelor	8	0
Lake Central	0	4
Soochua	7	2
Martinsville	3	5
Michigan City	17	0
Portage	4	3
Merrillville	4	11
LaPorte	3	0
Chesterton	1	0
Plymouth	10	0
Warsaw	9	2
Crown Point	1	0
Hobart	3	0
Viking Invite		2nd
DAC		2nd
Sectionals		L

# Putting Around

Quotes



"I have met a lot of new friends while being in golf, and my favorite thing is being able to play something I love with my friends."  
-Dane Brown, 03



"Golf is just really relaxing, so I have a lot of fun playing it!"  
-Nate Corsbie, 03

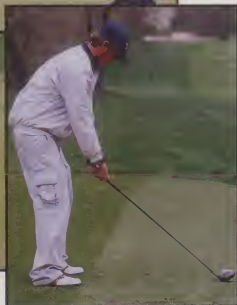
Hole in One

It took determination and a commitment to the game to excel at golf. Most players practiced the game six to seven days a week for at least 9 months out of the year.

The Viking team took on the commitment. The Varsity team played well, winning several tournaments, and the JV team had a winning season also. The success of the team was due in part to the hard work of both coaches and players.

"The key to the players success was for them to understand that they're not perfect, and they couldn't allow their poor shots to affect their next shot," stated Coach Knauff.

The Vikings despite being unranked finished in seventh place with a team total of 609 in the golf state finals.



- (Left to Right)
1. Freshman Zach Shuta shows his form as he executes his putt.
  2. Freshman A.J. McLinn sinks a shot as another player looks on.
  3. Using his putter, junior Elliot Elger lines up his shot.
  4. Practicing his form, senior Nate Corsbie works on putting.

# COACH PROFILE

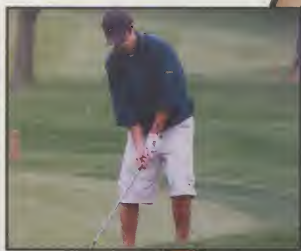


John Knauff

Coach John Knauff has been playing golf regularly for 40 years. During the school year, he works with both the girls' and boys' golf teams as well as the basketball program.



Eyeing the hole, Joel Pera concentrates on his putt.



Elliot Elger tries out his wedge on a chip shot.



Junior Joel Pera walks across the fairway.

## VARSIITY /JV SPORT

Row one (L-R) Travis Ranegar, Chris Wellensind, Eric Leland, Zach Shuta, David McGonigle, Joe Corbie, Andrew Gambel, A.J. McLinn. Row two (L-R) John Knauff, Doug Lenz, Joel Pera, Nate Corbie, Austin Ritter, Elliot Elger, Eddy Sheprak, Chris Kerns, Chad Russell, Mike Hrunck, John Cribbs, Kyle Prow, Dane Brown, David McGonigle, Wayne Lichtenberger.



Successfully putting the ball, Joel Pera reaches down to retrieve his ball from the hole.



## Golf

	VALPO	VISITOR
Marquette	337	331
Highland	163	180
Lake Central	329	523
FHS/MHS	149	165
MC/FHS	150	148
Aberdeen	309	307
Mor/Southern	169	218
LP/CHS	165	162
Hobart	144	183
Rennasselaer	311	307
MHS/Cp	151	166/157
Chesteron	172	170
Laporte	311	0
LP/HHS	156	164/197
Sectionals	W	
Regionals	W	
State	7th	

# NEW STAFF



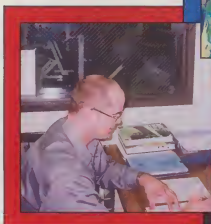
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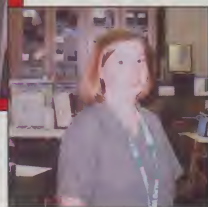
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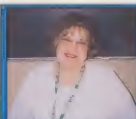
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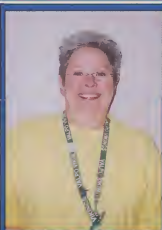
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SCIENCE**



# Goodbye



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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR  
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SCHOOL GET THROUGH THE DREADFUL  
SWIM CLASS. SHE ALSO KEPT  
SCOREBOARDS FOR ALMOST EVERY  
SPORT EXISTING AT THIS HIGH  
SCHOOL. "VALPO'S A CLASS ACT AND  
EVERYONE HERE IS TERRIFIC  
PEOPLE," SAID RYBAK. "IF SCHOOL  
STARTED AT TEN I WOULD LOVE IT."



**MR. GOTT**  
AFTER TEACHING 38  
YEARS, 9 YEARS AT  
TJ, 22 AT VHS,

AND 7 AT OTHER SCHOOLS, DALE  
GOTT RETIRED FROM TEACHING.  
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## Miss Sormaz.

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## Brist was named principal of the year.

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# If Only We Could Stop Time

I always laughed at the expression, "Enjoy High School because before you know it, it's over." I never noticed how true that was until it was in fact "over." The day came all too soon when the faces we saw on a regular basis were in our past, and football games and dances were only experienced by searching deep within our memories. Many of us said goodbye to all the friends we have known since middle school that became practically family. The teachers that made that impact on our lives and that occasional stranger that made a difference would never be forgotten. So, my advice: Don't wish for it to be over, enjoy it while you can because as someone once told me, "It's over before you know it." And let me tell you, just when it is all said and done, you wish you could do it all over again.

- Katie Ziegler



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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 15.5 million by 2020, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 8.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on the principle of 'active ageing', which is the process of maintaining and enhancing the ability of older people to participate in social, economic and cultural life. The strategy is based on the following principles: (1) older people should be able to live independently; (2) older people should be able to participate in social, economic and cultural life; (3) older people should be able to live in their own homes; (4) older people should be able to access the services they need; and (5) older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

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